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### Waveland meetings to be moved temporarily

Beginning in January, all meetings of the Waveland Board of Aldermen will be held at the Waveland Police Department courtroom until city hall renovations are complete. The board will meet at its regular location, city hall annex on Coleman Ave., this Tuesday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. both days.

### AARP installation luncheon is Monday

AARP Chapter 1114 will conduct its meeting and installation luncheon on Monday at 11 a.m. at the old Depot in Bay St. Louis.

### Free gospel concert at Gulfside Assembly

The urban gospel group Collage will perform in concert for free with special guest, rapper Baby Girl, at Gulfside Assembly in Waveland on Friday at 7 p.m. All proceeds to benefit a scholarship fund.

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## Woman arrested for statutory rape

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

A Pearl River County woman has been charged with statutory rape for allegedly having sex with a 14-year-old male from Hancock County, according to Hancock County Criminal Investigator

Kenny Hurt.

"The woman, Carrie Cox, 26, of No. 76 Edmond Mitchell Road, Pearl River County, was arrested on Nov. 19 and charged with statutory rape," Hurt said.

Hurt, the sheriff office's investigator for sex crimes and juveniles in

Youth Court, indicated the incident had happened late in October in Hancock County.

The case was under investigation for several weeks before Cox was arrested, Hurt said.

Cox, who posted bond at the Hancock County Justice Facility,

had a bond which was set at \$30,000 at the time of her arrest, Hurt said.

The name of the 14-year-old was not revealed to protect his identity, Hurt said, and added there may be other charges as further investigation into the matter continues.

## Mighty Fishy



The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks put more than 40,000 live fish into the river at McLeod Park and at Rotten Bayou last week. Above, Fisheries & Parks agents James Dominici and Charles Vaughn aim fish into the water at McLeod Park. Below left are, from left, Gary Wayne Wallace, Roland D. Lee Sr., state Rep. Dirk Dedeaux, Supervisor Jay Cuevas, state Sen. Scotty Cuevas, Vaughn and Dominici.



## Driver dies after crashing into house

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department is investigating the death of a Dummy Line Road resident who apparently crashed into a residence, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

"Around noon on Tuesday, a gentleman noticed a pickup crashed into the brick stairway of a residence on Dummy Line

Road in the White Cypress Community, and he summoned the sheriff's office," Investigator John Luther, who is handling the accident, said on Wednesday.

"Deputies responded to the residence and found a person in the vehicle deceased."

The person in the vehicle was identified as Daniel Stenklyft, 35 of the White Cypress Community, Luther said.

"It appears it was a freak type of accident," Luther said. "We believe a battery in the bed of the pickup truck became airborne upon impact, traveled through the back window, struck the victim in the back of his head, exited through the windshield and ended up on the porch of the house."

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## Robbers strike again in Waveland

Reward offered after latest in wave of recent crimes

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

A recent rash of armed robberies in Waveland have prompted offering an award for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell said, "With four armed robberies occurring in the past three weeks, police urges all citizens to report any and all suspicious happenings and persons observed in any areas of the city. Persons calling in any information can remain anonymous and not give their name."

The latest armed robbery occurred Thursday, December 12, at 10:18 p.m. when Waveland Police received a call from the 700 block of Villere Street, reporting an armed robbery, Varnell reports in a press



Waveland Police Chief James Varnell investigating at the scene of the Hancock Bank robbery in Waveland last month.

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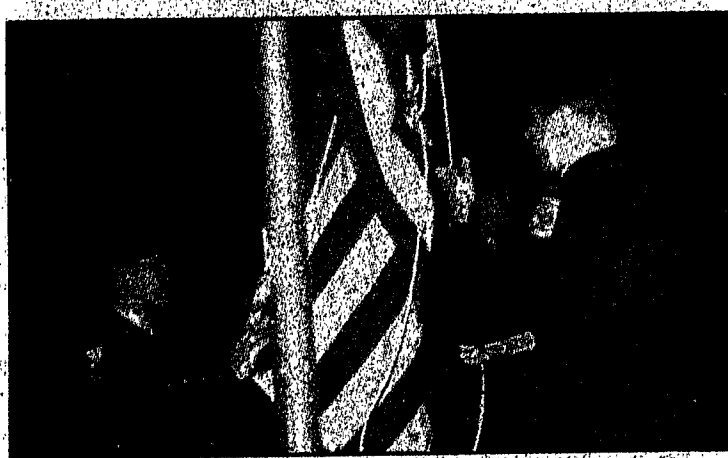
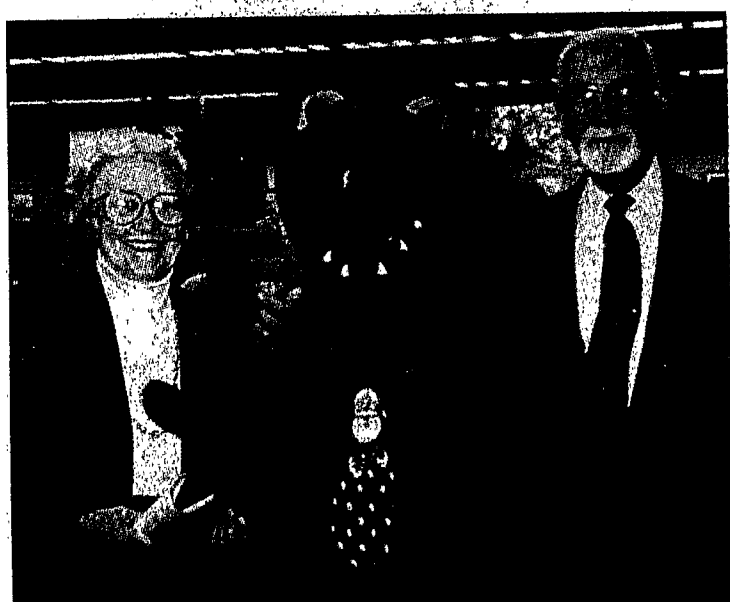
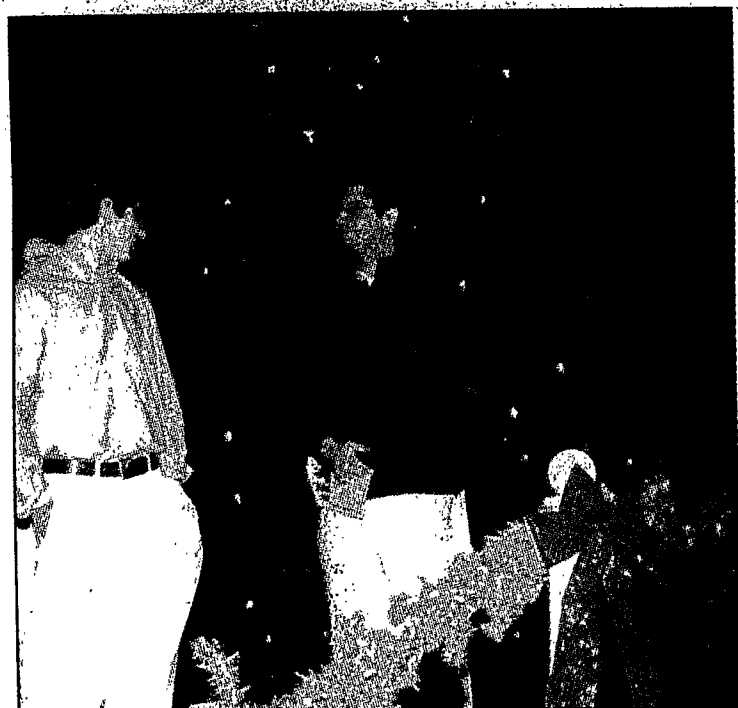


Outgoing Hancock County Chamber of Commerce President Jody Compretta, left, ceremonially hands his gavel to incoming President John Baxter Friday during the chamber's annual membership meeting and officer installation at Casino Magic's Bay Tower Hotel ballroom.

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# A Library Christmas

Scenes from the Hancock County Library System's Holiday Tree Gala and Kiln Tree Lighting



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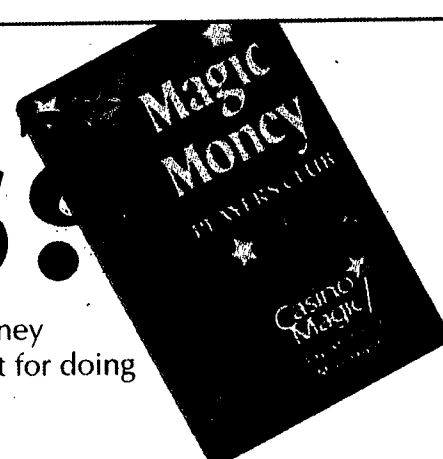
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## Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Dec. 5 to Dec. 13. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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• Roger L. Caplinger, 33, contempt of court (failure to appear) (warrant)  
 • Michael S. Lynch, 28, grand larceny (warrant)  
 • Kelly Jordan, 28, sale of controlled substance  
 • Sean D. Herron, 25, simple possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, possession of firearm by felon  
 • Tirre D. Bridget, 25, sale of controlled substance  
 • Janice A. McNeese, 20, suspended driver's license  
 • Albert Peterson, 26, contempt of court (failure to appear), simple assault (warrant)  
 • Russell E. Fitch, 44, careless driving, simple possession of marijuana while operating vehicle, careless driving

• George Forster, 52, careless driving, DUI (4th), suspended driver's license, no insurance  
 • Glenda Ann Simpson, 60, DUI (1st), refused test, careless driving, illegal U-turn  
 • Pamela H. Nettles, 36, suspended driver's license, no insurance, DUI (2nd), leaving scene of accident  
 • Jason C. Ryals, 25, driving with suspended driver's license  
 • Jason J. Mason, 21, disturbance of family  
 • David Lee Thompson, 42, suspended driver's license  
 • Joseph E. Brisack, 26, bad checks  
 • Karl Michael Carpenter, 19, contempt of court (failure to appear) (warrant)  
 • Ralph A. Dennis, 39, speeding, DUI (1st)  
 • James E. Parker, 33, public drunk  
 • Donald Arthur Titus, 43, DUI (3rd), suspended driver's license  
 • David A. Ricca, 24, contempt of court (warrant)  
 • Mark Jacob Raphael,

32, public drunk  
 • David Slaughter, 60, DUI, refused test, no driver's license, no insurance  
 • Emilie J. Woods, 35, simple assault (domestic), open container, public drunk  
 • Daniel-Lee Burges, 34, reckless driving, no seat belt, DUI, simple assault (domestic), suspended driver's license, open container, disorderly conduct (failure to comply)  
 • Don Hunter, 31, contempt of court  
 • Rickey O. Coles, 49, shoplifting  
 • Kenneth W. Beech, 35, contempt of court (warrant)  
 • Jamie Daryl Ladner, 25, sentenced to RID program  
 • Chad Bonano, 20, hold for circuit court  
 • Clayton Thompson, 71, resisting arrest, DUI (1st), disorderly conduct (failure to obey)  
 • Kevin L. Bullen, 39, DUI (2nd)  
 • Scott C. Bader, 20, contributing to delinquency of minor  
 • Gary W. Morgan, 29,

public drunk  
 • Tabitha Deschamp, 30, simple assault (warrant)  
 • Joann F. Brockington, 36, resisting arrest by flight, resisting by helping escape, disorderly conduct  
 • George P. Gorman, 29, resisting arrest, driving on suspended driver's license, bad check  
 • Daniel P. Peterson, 38, contempt of court  
 • Danny Brockington, 31, disorderly conduct  
 • Richard Wilson, 25, disturbance of family  
 • Marshall Christie, 28, hold for Pascagoula  
 • Melissa Wesner, 33, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, trespassing  
 • Derrick James Gilum, 26, house arrest violation  
 • Renee Harris, 37, prescription forgery (warrant)  
 • Kimberly Gomillion, 18, simple assault (domestic)  
 • Michael T. Copeland, 32, DUI (1st)  
 • Roger D. Tomasich Jr., 29, driving with suspended driver's license

## Southern Regional approves sludge contract

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Southern Regional board members have decided to table any proposals for a change in sludge handling at the present time. They voted unanimously last week to reject all bids for new sludge handling contracts and remain with the current contract with Breau Services. Breau hauls liquid, Class B sludge from the plant for land farming. Breau's contract will expire in September 2003.

In the recent \$11 million upgrade somewhere around \$1 million was spent for a new centrifuge and equipment to be used for a change to sludge management by composting. Recent bid advertisements brought no proposals for composting at the plant, though earlier this year Louisiana State University did make an offer to Southern Regional to make the plant a part of a composting research project at the school.

Board members said they would like to look at information on various options and make a decision as to how to handle future sludge removal at a later date. Estimates from engineering consulting firm URS indicated that liquid haul could be the most cost effective at the present time, but district engineer Duke Levy said that a successful composting operation could pay for itself and potentially generate revenue if composted material is sold.

With Levy was Chuck Pound of Metcalf and Eddy, an environmental engineering firm in the business of water, wastewater, and haz-

ardous waste solutions since 1907. Their cooperative headquarters is located in Massachusetts.

Pound has been with the firm for 37 years, he told the board, and is interested in offering his expertise to the district. He told the board that in the near future the demand will be for class A sludge as a by product of wastewater treatment.

Pound also said he had 15 years experience in the business of land applications for wastewater disposal. Levy said he would like to see the district move from discharge of effluent into Edwards Bayou, to spray irrigation. He said about 600 to 800 acres would be needed for the process.

Metcalf and Eddy developed technical criteria and design manuals for the Environmental Protection Agency and wastewater textbooks that serve as the principal teaching and reference resources for practicing professionals. They have designed wastewater treatment plants ranging in size from less than 1 million gallons per day to more than 1000 MGD both in the U.S. and abroad.

In other business: Hancock Water and Sewer District Director Eddie Renz said his district would like a final answer to the question of capacity at the plant. A final phase for a collection system is on hold. "If there is room at the plant for our final project that includes Ansley, Heron Bay, and the remainder of Shoreline Park," said Renz. "About 1200 customers, we are requesting a letter to be written to Rural Development to that effect so funding for the project

can be released."

Bay St. Louis attorney John Scaffide delivered a letter to Southern Regional attorney Ronnie Artigues stating demands concerning the new contract for treatment at Southern Regional. Among requested revisions was a lowering of the \$350,000 spending cap that

the board can approve without requiring approval by all the districts. Scaffide's letter asked that the cap be lowered to \$200,000 except in emergency situations and mandatory regulatory compliance matters. Most other requested revisions involved the wording of the contract.

## 'Wise Men' perform today

"Wise Men's Caribbean Christmas 'Cruise' is the title of this year's Christmas presentation of Bible Fellowship Church, 7030 Menge Ave., Pass Christian on Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m.

The program features "Ships of the Desert" navigated by Wise men bearing their gifts to the Savior of the world. A "missionary ship" will carry the Gospel

message to foreign ports. This play, directed by music director Carol Mahler, also includes choral selections.

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A reception with refreshments will follow the Christmas program. No tickets nor reservations required. Call 452-0038 for information.

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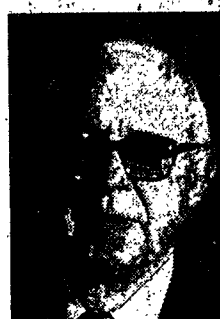
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# OPINION

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

## Christmas trees bring memories of youth flooding back

**H**ave you noticed how beautiful the cypress trees are at this time of the year?

They have turned brown in color as they prepare to drop their leaves.

I always admire the shape of the one in the Pitolo front yard at the end of the 300 block of Carroll Avenue in Bay St. Louis.

There are many around the area, including some very nice ones at the Interstate 10 Welcome Center.

It is just too bad cypress trees shed in the winter, as they sure would make beautiful Christmas trees.

Cypress have a beautiful Christmas tree design to them.

While on the subject of Christmas trees, there are many traditions in families on the selection of Christmas trees. Nowadays many use artificial trees, which were not around too much during my youth.

Our parents had the tradition of decorating the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. Our dad would search the woods behind our Waveland home for a nice pine tree.

Since our ceilings were about 10 ft. high, it took a good sized tree. As my three younger brothers and I aged, we went along to help in the search.

When we got older, the chore became my brothers'

and mine alone. Many times, we would fell a tree and realize it was not what we wanted. There were even times when we would add branches to a tree.

Pine trees always gave that wonderful fresh smell in our home.

Our mother had numerous ornaments, several from our first trees for each of us. It was a major task to decorate the tree and usually took most of Christmas Eve.

I also remember the first non-pine we had for a Christmas tree.

A new neighbor of ours across the street who had lived at Logtown had several real nice cedar trees on his farm. His property was bought out by NASA for the test site.

This was the early sixties and we thought one would look real nice as a Christmas tree, and he told us to take all we wanted.

We had to use heavy gloves to decorate the cedar tree, as it was full of stickers. It did look really nice, but took its toll on our fingers.

Following this, our mother for many year then went to an artificial tree.

In the early years, we had a chore in keeping all the lights burning, because when one would burnout, the entire cord would go out. Over the years, we changed out many tree lights.

Looking back, it was still a great time in our life.

## MS leads nation in classroom technology

If you go to the tax collector's office to buy a new car tag and the computer's down, you're out of luck. If you go to the ATM to make a withdrawal and the computer's down, you don't get your money. If you're grocery shopping and the computer's down, they can't scan your items and get you on your way.

Technology is an integral part of even the most mundane tasks, and when the technology breaks down, it alters our routines and the way we do our business.

When technology breaks down, it is important to have the right minds there to fix it. Even better, we would prefer to have the right minds in place to make sure it doesn't break down in the first place.

That's part of the push behind the "Computers in the Classrooms" initiative here in Mississippi.

By the end of this month, we will be celebrating the fact that Mississippi is the first state in the nation to have an Internet-accessible computer in every public school classroom. This fact has already been confirmed by the National Governors Association, which stated that Mississippi is "at the head of the wave of technological innovation."

We're beyond being wired for the Internet. We're connecting our children directly to the incredible research capabilities of the world wide web and helping them develop the technological skills to succeed in the 21st century economy.

More than 32,000 classrooms will have an Internet-accessible computer. Hundreds of thousands of students around the state, from kindergarten through the 12th grade, will have new opportunities to learn. Location or economic status will no longer be factors in the learning process.

A simple click of a mouse will put our students on equal footing, with students in Goodman having the same research capabilities as students in Gulfport.

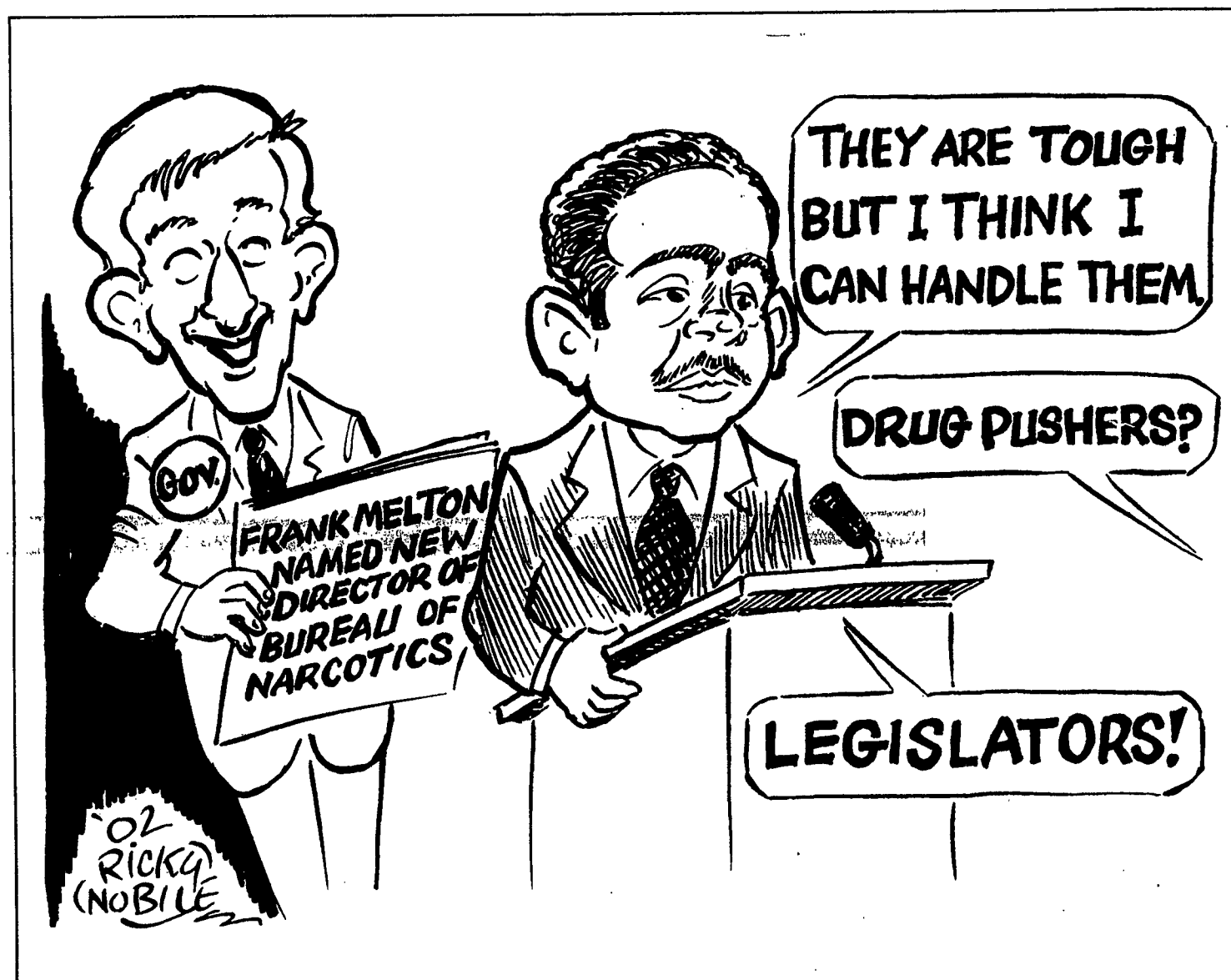
Hundreds of Mississippi's students have also been busy developing their technological skills by actually building the computers destined for the classrooms. This fall, students from around the state have been participating in "blitz builds," one-day events resulting in dozens of new computers.

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## From the Governor

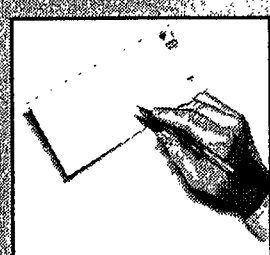
By Gov. Ronnie Musgrove



## Letters to the Editor

### Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



By State Auditor Phil Bryant

### GENERAL

Q Does new legislation allow an elected municipal or county official to receive retirement payments from the Miss. Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS) and limited compensation from the municipality or county for the elected position?

A Yes. House Bill 1148, effective July, 2002, revised Section 25-11-127 to allow compensation not to exceed 25% of the retiree's average

compensation from PERS.

Q Has new legislation changed the retainage requirement when partial payments are made for public construction contracts?

A Yes. House Bill 1562, effective July 1, 2002, revised Sections 31-5-25 and 31-5-33 to change the per cent retainage requirement to 5% on contracts of \$250,000 or more (any amount for a subcontractor), with a 2 1/2 per cent retainage after the contract is 50% complete; and, to require monthly reports of

## Hancock Medical Center has better service than Ochsner

Dear Editor,  
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I will be here another week, and I am actually looking forward to being here under the care of dedicated doctors, Dr. Edwin Davidson and Dr. Sidney Chevis.

Please always consider giving to our local hospital because I surely do recommend it.

Sincerely,  
Janet Trapani Hitt  
Bay St. Louis

payments to subcontractors. Q Does new legislation allow county and municipal boards to impose an assessment to fund crime stoppers?

A Yes. Senate Bill 2481, effective July 1, 2002, creates Section 45-39-17 to allow an assessment up to \$ 2.00 to be collected on criminal convictions in county and municipal courts. Assessment collections must be settled to the Department of Public Safety. Section 45-39-15

was also revised to allow donations from the general fund to local crime stopper programs.

Q Has the purchase law been amended by new legislation?

A Yes. House Bill 5, effective July 1, 2002, amended Section 31-7-13 to require no bids or quotes for purchases up to \$3,500; at least two written bids (quotes) for purchases over \$3,500 to \$15,000; and advertised, sealed bids for purchases over \$15,000.

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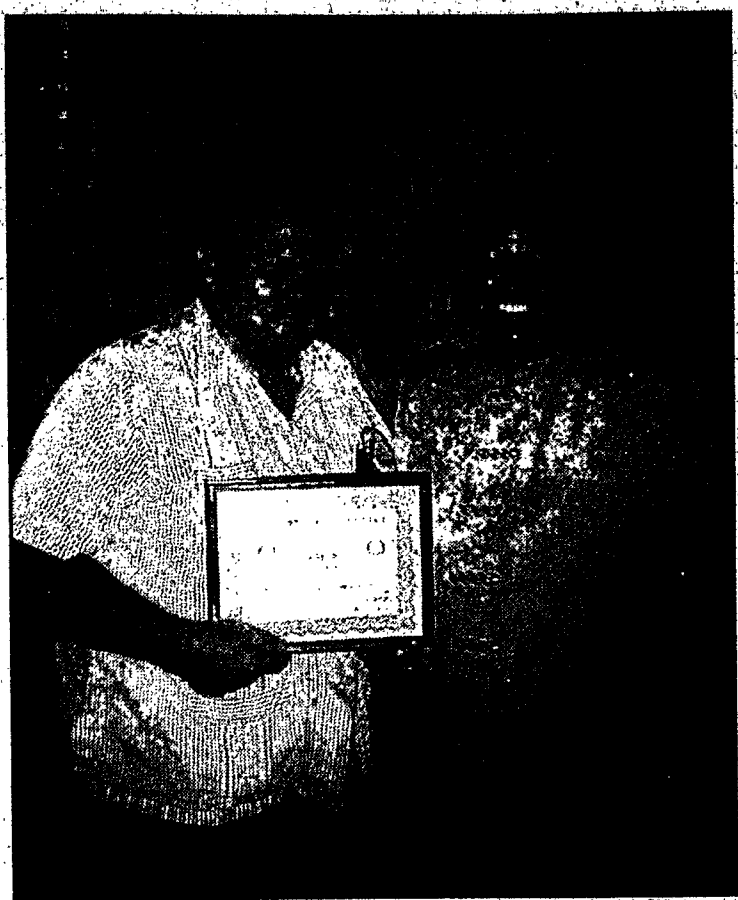


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The Bay Rotary Club's Teacher of the Month for October is Kathy Ott of Bay High School, shown here with Rotary Club education program chairman Bob Hubbard.



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The Bay Rotary Club's Teacher of the Month for November is Shannon Ladner of Waveland Elementary, shown here with Rotary Club education program chairman Bob Hubbard and Principal Rebecca McCaleb.

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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CITY OF WAVELAND

A workshop meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss agenda items.

Please take notice that the regular Meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, which was held Tuesday, December 10, 2002 has been recessed and will reconvene at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 18, 2002.

Also note that immediately following the reconvened meeting, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen will open the regularly scheduled Wednesday December 18, 2002 meeting at 6:30 P.M.

All of the above meetings will be held in the Waveland City Hall Annex Building Board Room located at 307 Coleman Avenue.

Lisa B. Planchard,  
City Secretary

## Kiln VFW 9th Annual Parade and Children's Christmas Party

### THE SEA COAST ECHO

The VFW Kiln Memorial Post No. 6285 and Ladies Auxiliary will host the 9th Annual Cowboy Parade and Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 22nd. As in the past, the parade will begin at noon at the home of Robert Moran in Kiln and will feature horses, riders, and buggies.

The parade will end at the Kiln VFW around 2:00PM where children and families of the community will have an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus, The VFW Post, Dole Fruits, Waveland Market, Diamondhead Market, Sav-A-Center and Winn-Dixie will provide refreshments.

All horses and wagons are invited to participate in the parade, however negative coggins documentation must be provided. Donations will also be accepted for the Waveland Animal Shelter. Can and dry pet NA, cat litter, old towels and blankets, and washing detergent would be greatly appreciated. For details concerning the parade and parade route, please contact Robert Moran at 255-6729.

The VFW will also welcome non-perishable food contributions, which will be distributed to local families during the holidays. For more details, please contact

the VFW at 255-1259 or Tere Carlin at 586-1089.

## Musgrove

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Through this effort, supported by ExplorNet and the Mississippi Development Authority, these students have built nearly 6,000 computers. During a blitz build this past week, students gathered at Jackson State University's e-Center to build more than 400 computers.

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## TOPS 233

TOPS MS 233 met Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the Waveland Methodist Church on Vacation Lane and Central Avenue. KOPS best loser for the week was Debbie. The gift was won by Myra. The incentive was won by Rose, but donated it back to the club.

A reminder that the National Crime Prevention Program Task Force will be at the TOPS 233 meeting Jan. 7. The public is invited to come for 6:30 and is asked to bring a friend.

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## UMC's Santa Institute strives to 'answer' the tough questions

### THE SEA COAST ECHO

Naughty or nice? The age-old debate may still be raging in households around the world, but there was nothing but kudos for the members of the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Santa Institute during their annual press conference.

Before a large and enthusiastic audience of media and special five-year-old guests from the Madison Ridgeland Academy Preschool, the members of the Santa Institute - Dr. Jim Hutchins, founder; Dr. Rebecca Waterer, Dr. David Dzielak; and Dr. Andrew Grady - presented their most recent discoveries regarding the magic of Santa's journey.

The Santa Institute strives to "study" many of the mysteries that have baffled children and adults for generations. Hutchins, associate professor of anatomy at UMC, and his panel of experts take questions submitted by the public and present their findings at the annual Santa Institute Press Conference.

The members of the team are always looking for new questions and concerns. They encourage girls and boys of all ages to submit questions at their special website, [www.unc.edu/santa/](http://www.unc.edu/santa/).

The committee will share their thoughts with those submitting questions and make a collection of questions for next year's Santa Institute presentation. There also may be an opportunity to get some responses from Santa himself.

Before the press conference began, the Santa Institute members were named official "Honorary Santa Elves" by the Santa Elf Council (SEC).

In a special message sent from his workshop, Santa exclaimed, "You have earned this special designation because of your tireless and unending support of me and my endeavors. I challenge you to serve with pride and honor."

Special rights and benefits for being a Santa elf include, but are not limited to, special airline rates to and from Santa's Workshop, unlimited Christmas cookie eating privileges without the effects of the caloric intake,

and free membership to the Northpole Elf Fitness Center (Kringle Drive and Rudolph Way locations only).

The committee, Hutchins said, has worked feverishly this past year and they may have discovered one of the keys to Santa's magic.

"We obtained an image of Santa's head recently, and we've determined that he has an additional lobe in his brain. It may be the key to most of his supernatural abilities. This extra lobe of the brain allows Santa to know, for instance, when you've been sleeping or when you're awake," explains Hutchins. "We also think that it may help him know when you've been bad or good, so it's the Institute's recommendation that all children be good, for goodness sake."

Dr. Andrew Grady, UMC's director of laboratory animal facilities, is the Santa Institute's on-call veterinarian, in case of an accident or injury involving the reindeer.

As in years past, Grady is prepared to spring into action if any of Santa's reindeer are injured during their visits to Mississippi homes. Since he has not had a reindeer mishap to respond to in the last three years, Grady has spent the majority of his Santa Institute time exploring the possible ways in which reindeer can fly.

"We all know that Santa's magic probably has the greatest effect on their flying abilities, but we are looking into the possibilities that reindeer may have hollow bones and supernatural speed to help them fly," Grady said.

Dr. David Dzielak, UMC's associate vice chancellor for research, has helped create the SET (Santa emission tomogra-

phy) scanner to monitor Santa's brain activity.

"It's obvious, by looking at the scans, that different portions of Santa's brain respond to those who have been naughty and those who have been nice. And the whole brain practically lights up when it comes to the snacks boys and girls leave behind. He's quite fond of them."

On the subject of Santa snacks, Dr. Rebecca Waterer, associate profes-

sor of medicine at UMC specializes in internal medicine and geriatrics and studies Santa's eating habits.

Waterer explains, "We've done an extensive study throughout the country. With the evidence presented, we've determined that Santa will eat just about anything, except fruit-cakes. He hardly touched those."

Waterer encourages boys and girls to limit the num-

ber of cookies left for Santa and to consider healthy alternatives like carrots and raisins.

"We need to help him watch his weight and stay healthy if we want him to be around forever," she said. Waterer also studies Santa's "magical" abilities and is amazed at Santa's ability to enter any home.

"Santa appears to have unique abilities to contort his body, despite his enormous size, in order to fit

into very small areas. Our data suggests that Santa's skeleton is composed of a gelatinous polymer that allows these contortions.

"It allows him to squeeze down any chimney or through windowsills in homes where there isn't a chimney. No matter what the situation, if you've been good boys and girls, Santa will find away into your house because it's that important to him."

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# Mercy Ship makes its home on the Coast

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Last week, the Mississippi Gulf Coast became home to a brand new resident, the Caribbean Mercy, a ship that brings hope and healing to the unfortunate around the world. The ship, one of three, that sail the world offering medical care, relief, development and training will call the coast home for at least the next three years.

Ship personnel hope to deepen their relationship with residents along the coast. They will offer tours of the ship on Friday and Saturday from 1-8 p.m. and on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. through December 22.

The ship docked in Gulfport last January while undergoing needed repairs and renovations. The enthusiastic reception they got from people all along the coast was overwhelming, said Director of Port Relations Craig Snow.

"We hoped to recruit 50 people from the area to sign up to help and we ended up with 65," said Snow. "People just opened up to us and we sensed that this was an unusual place ... people across the coast were interested in extending a helping hand to the poor."

"With a home port relationship we hope to be an extension of the Mississippi



Photo by Bob Hubbard

Bay Rotary Club President Cary Trapani, right, welcomes Director of Port Relations Craig Snow at a recent meeting.

coastal community who will reach out to Central America," said Snow. "And we would also like to enhance that community."

As a good start to that idea, Mercy Ships sponsored the first annual five kilometer "Mercy Run" on Saturday. The event drew 257 runners and many more supporters and raised about \$21,000 for the Catholic Social and Community Services and the Salvation Army, Home of Grace and the Mercy Ships. The Mercy Ships will share in about 25 percent of the proceeds, said Snow.

On Friday, Director of Port Authority Don Allee

officially welcomed the Caribbean Mercy home in a presentation to Ship CEO Andrew Clark. Several speakers offered comments.

"You so often see events on the news that would give the impression that this is the worse country in the world," said Gulfport Mayor Ken Combs. "But as this ship floats into a foreign port no one has any question about what they are doing there ... we are helping people around the world ... this home port relationship will be a mutual meeting of needs."

Since 1987 Mercy Ships has treated more than 200,000 people in village

medical and dental clinics; performed over 100,000 dental treatments; performed more than 8,000 surgeries such as cleft lip and palate, tumor removal, cataract and cross eye surgery, and orthopedic and facial reconstruction; provided more than \$25 million worth of medical equipment, hospital supplies, and medicines in developing nations and completed over 350 construction and agriculture projects.

It is estimated, said Snow, that about 80 percent of illnesses around the world are the result of poor sanitation and the lack of clean drinking water causing 4 billion cases of diarrhea each year, with 2.5 million deaths as a result. Many of the victims are children and a child under five dies as a result every 15 seconds.

The estimated cost per person served is \$10. Crew and volunteers not only provide their services free of charge, but raise dollars to pay for the cost of their food and lodging while serving on the ship. For long time, core crew members, Mercy Ships have become the center of family life, with many raising their children on the ships as they travel the world.

Last week, the ship returned from a mission to the Honduras, and as with every mission, the crew and

volunteers return with amazing stories of prayers answered for the less fortunate in the world.

Tales were told about a village where the only source of water was contaminated with 70 percent feces, but the people were forced to use the water. Workers provided the people with a new well and education on sanitation.

There is a story of an eight year old who had been teased all her life because of crossed eyes, who now looks normal; the tale of a senior, bed ridden because of a hit and run accident who is walking again and the stories go on and on.

On January 9 the Caribbean Mercy will sail for the Dominican Republic on a new mission of hope. If you would like to volunteer you can contact the local office at 228-863-1454 or the toll free number at 1-800-Mercy Ships, or check the web site at [www.mercy-ships.org](http://www.mercy-ships.org).

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## Robbery -- reward offered

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Thursday's robbery was of an individual as he returned home from an outing as the victim was closing his garage door. The three prior robberies were of a bank and two places of business, two of which happened last Sunday.

Varnell said, "Thursday's victim reported to officers he was approached by two black males, one possibly 6 ft. tall wearing a dark jacket and ski mask and the other wearing light colored clothing and ski mask. One suspect demanded all of the victim's money. The victim

said one suspect had a black handgun, possibly a semi-automatic and the 2nd suspect possibly also had a weapon."

"After receiving the victim's wallet, the suspects fled on foot toward Sycamore Street, fleeing with an undetermined

amount of money and victim's wallet and all its contents," Varnell said.

"A reward is possible for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any of the suspects in the recent robberies."

Waveland Police Department can be reached at 467-3669.

Investigator Howard Parker is in charge of the investigation.

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## Crash -- man dies

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During an autopsy and viewing of photos of the accident, Dr. Paul McGarry said the nature of the victim's injuries were consistent with being struck in the back of his head, which was the probable cause of death, Luther said.

Others responding to the

accident included; Chief Investigator Bob Lambert, Investigators Kenny Hurt, Andre' Fizer and Rita Blaize-Watson.

## St. Stanislaus celebrates American Education Week

THE SEA COAST ECHO

St. Stanislaus College celebrated American Education Week to highlight the value of their student's education, present and future, Nov. 18-Nov. 22, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

The Activities Department and representatives of the Academic and Guidance Departments of the school sponsored the week-long commemoration.

Faculty members wore badges which named the colleges and universities from which they had received their highest degrees.

The students participated in a scavenger hunt around the school building in which they discovered information about the faculty as well as facts about education at St. Stanislaus and throughout the country.

Each day, seniors were featured on a bulletin board with the names of the colleges they applied to and the ones which had accepted them. Also, a map of the USA was on display to indicate the areas of the country in which the seniors have applied.

Also, student representatives from the Student Ministry Team, Student Council, National Honor Society, Key Club, and Youth Legislature offered brief announcements regarding their involvement in a club and how their participation in that particular club enhances their total



Faculty and staff members wore their university badges, from left, Brother Ronald Hingle, principal; master of education from Boston College; Pat Cousin, math teacher; bachelor of education from Nicholls State; Mary Dillenkoffer, reading teacher; master of education from University of Southeast Louisiana; Kate Jones, English teacher; master of education from Florida State University; and Dale Moran, social studies teacher; bachelor of history from University of Southern Mississippi.



Seniors Zach Meilen, left, Frederick Mannin, Paul Burnett, and Phillip OH stand next to one of the Education Facts.

educational experience at St. Stanislaus.

Finally, member of the National Honor Society and

National Junior Honor Society volunteered to tutor fellow students during the week.

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## SPORTS

## Hancock honors 2002 football players

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The Hancock High School football program held its annual awards banquet on Wednesday at the Hancock Commons.

The awards presented were middle school letters and team awards. The same was presented on the high school level with special awards being presented by Region 3-5A, Gulf Coast Athletic Conference and the Sea Coast Echo.

The middle school letter winners for the seventh grade first year players were Ryan Moran, Brently Necaise, Anthony Gearhart, Michael Breshears, Dustin Johnson, Cody Ladner, Beau Vincent, Tyler Gardner, Christopher Jochum, Beau Schubert, Chase McIver, Rinty Ladner, Brandon Jordan, Ian Ferguson, Cedric Bolden, Richard Wall, Keith Wall, Kevin Wall, Samuel Luc, Daniel Younce, Aaron Baradell, William Woods, Colby Wall, Brandon Hess, Michael Cuevas, and Cody Walsh.

First-year eighth graders receiving letterman awards were Blaine Lee, Colton Ball, Lester Disher, Bryan Moran, Joseph Cunningham, Marvin Lynn, Patrick Ladner, Dustin Sackett, Trey McCloud, Rueben Breaux, Phillip Sullivan, Damian Perkins, Joshua Johnson, Matthew Lacefield, Eugene Bentrum, Nick Going, Seth Odham, Ben Cuevas, Micah Mitchell, and Justin Ladner.

The second-year letter winners from the eighth grade are Chris Matthews, Joshua Stockstill, and Terry Mosely.

The Outstanding Offensive Lineman for the middle school was Nick Going. The Outstanding Defensive Lineman Award was merited by Chase McIver. The Outstanding Defensive Back Award was presented to Bryan Moran.

The All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference first-team members were Bryan Moran, Blaine Lee, Chase McIver, and Nick Going. The honorable mention selections were Colton Ball, Trey McCloud, Brently Necaise, and Dustin Johnson.

The first-year letter winners for the varsity in the ninth grade are Shawn Botts, Chance Whitfield, John Howry, Patrick Gardner, Braxton Necaise, Justin Watts, Anthony Guidry, Ronnie Thomas, Mark Fairley, Corey Orear, Russell Tanguis, Jacob Ruzicka, Arden Toms, E.J. Owens, Donovan Saucier, Glen Bonano, and Dennis Brown.

The first-year letter winners from the tenth grade are Paul Verin, Destin Thomas, Kalan Cuevas, Andrew Overal, and Justin Williams. The eleventh grade first-year letter winner were Darin Kilpatrick,

Patrick LeBlanc, Rodney Brueggert, Catlin Green, Jonathon Green, Kyle Brown, and Kellie Bonano. Nick Narvaez and Maegan Thornton were the first-year letter winners from the senior class.

Second-year letter winners from the tenth grade were Mike Long, Justin Kopf, Andrew Warhay, Steve Dauenhauer, Scott Nesom, Jonathon Lacoste, Aaron Lewis, Travis Hall, and Anthony Lind. The winners from the eleventh grade were Matthew Rayborn, B.J. Stutts, Joseph Waterman, Dale Stennett, Patrick Mondy, Jerrod Barrois, Michael Payton, and Joshua Brehl. Peter Trosclair was the lone winner from the senior class.

The third-year letter winners from the eleventh grade were Charles Bolden, David Brown, Robert Domke, Myron Fairley, Daniel Spiers, Eddie Bledsoe, Tyler Ball, Gerald Adams, Donald Hains, Charlie Carrollo, and Wesley Oliver. Nick Hume and Chris Jones were the two winners from the senior class.

The fourth-year senior letter winners were Brandon Necaise, Ricky Underwood, Ervin Jackson, Darren Elliott, Alan Pace, Steven Guidos, and Lacey Grimes.

Several athletes were named to the Hawk Club for achieving a predetermined number of "Hawks" for their position. Those players included Steven Guidos, Donald Hains, Matt Rayborn, Darren Elliott, Nick Hume, Myron Fairley, Charles Bolden, Jerrod Barrois, Robert Domke, Ricky Underwood, Brandon Necaise, David Brown, Ervin Jackson, and Eddie Bledsoe.

The junior varsity players voted to the All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference first-team were Wesley Oliver, Daniel Spiers, Mike Long, and Jon Lacoste. The honorable mention selections were Dale Stennett, Jon Luc, Braxton Necaise, and Darrin Kilpatrick.

The varsity members honored with first-team selection to the Region 3-5A team were Brandon Necaise, Ricky Underwood, Ervin Jackson, Nick Hume, David Brown, and Matt Rayborn. The honorable mention selections were Darren Elliott, Charles Bolden, Jerrod Barrois, Steven Guidos, Robert Domke, Eddie Bledsoe, and Donald Hains.

The Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award was presented to Gerald Adams. Ervin Jackson brought home the Outstanding Offensive Back Award. The Outstanding Defensive Lineman Award was merited by Darren Elliott. Eddie Bledsoe was voted the Outstanding Defensive Back. The Hawk Award is presented to the team's Most Outstanding Player. Ricky Underwood

received the 2002 Hawk Award.

Each coach presents a Coaches Award to a specific player in their respective position on the team. The Coaches Award recipients were Jerrod Barrois, Nick

Hume, Robert Domke, Charles Bolden, Alan Pace, Steven Dauenhauer, David Brown, and Brandon Necaise. The Sports Medicine Leadership Award was presented to Steven Guidos and Donald Hains.

The Coaches Award for a non-player is sponsored by the Booster Club and was presented to coach Jeremy Weir.

The Sea Coast Echo presented first-team and honorable mention selections

for their All-Sea Coast Echo team which can be seen in this edition on page B-1. The Sea Coast Echo also awarded its Offensive Player of the Year award to quarterback Brandon Necaise.



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# SPORTS

## Lady Tigers, No. 1 in state, almost hit 100 points against Vancleave

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The Bay High Tiger basketball program swept the visiting Vancleave Bulldogs in Division 8 action on Friday. The #1-ranked Lady Tigers disposed of the Lady Bulldogs 99-41 while the boys exploded in the second half behind George Easley's hand for a 69-52 win.

The Lady Tigers improved their record to 13-0 and remained at the top of the state rankings with the win. The Lady Tigers stormed to a 32-8 first period lead behind Kendra Reed's 9 points. All five Bay High starters scored in double figures in the game.

By halftime, the Lady Tigers had opened their lead to 54-21. Destiny Porter provided a spark off the bench for coach Debbie Triplett's warriors scoring 10 points in the period.

Bay High held the Lady Bulldogs to just 7 points in the third period as they increased their lead to 85-28. The Lady Tigers came oh-so-close to the century mark but fell one-point shy of the mark en route to the win.

Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett stated, "It was a good win for us. I thought we played well in many aspects of the game. We ran well and hit the boards hard. All our players on the bench got some great game experience."

Destiny Porter recorded a double-double for the Lady Tigers with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Kendra Reed and Carmen Labat also scored 19 points for Bay High. Stephanie Reed, Felicia Thomas, and LaMonica James all scored 10 points to round out the double-digit scorers.

The boys started their game sluggish taking a narrow 9-8 lead in the first period mainly behind the steady play of guard Marquez Singleton.

The second period was much of the same for Bay High (2-9, 1-1) as they took a 29-24 lead at the break.



The No. 1-ranked Bay High School Lady Tigers basketball team destroyed the Vancleave Lady Bulldogs 99-41 on Friday night at home.

However, the second half was a different story for Bay High. George Easley got in a zone and never got out. He was 7-for-11 from three-point land and finished the game with 28 points. His dunk late in the third period put an exclamation point on the Tigers' run. Bay High finished the period with a 42-33 lead before cruising to the win in the fourth period.

Bay High boys head coach Alan Lumpkin commented, "I'll take the win but we have to come out of the starting gate a whole lot better than we did tonight. It was obvious that we were not ready to play in the first half. George Easley had a tremendous game, especially in the second half. He is just a sophomore and has a few things to learn. But, the bright spot is he is just a sophomore. He always shoots well. He needs to develop his defense to make himself the all-around player that he is capable of being. Marquez Singleton

is a leader on the floor. He is a quiet leader but his actions speak volumes."

Easley finished the game with 28 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 blocked shots. Singleton scored 16 points in the win to go along with 4 assists.

The Tigers will host D'Iberville on Tuesday, December 17 and East Central on Friday, December 20. Both squads will play in the "War on the Shore" on Saturday, December 21 at St. Stanislaus High School. The boys will play Moss Point while the Lady Tigers will tangle with Myrtle High School.

In other recent action, Pass Christian swept Vancleave in boys and girls basketball action on Tuesday, December 10 while the OLA Crescents lost by one-point 40-39 to Mercy Cross.

The Pirates (8-2) ran past the Bulldogs 79-35 as Ruben Nichols scored 17 points in the win. Chad

Musgrove, Garland Stewart, and Troy White rounded out the double-digit scorers with 12 points, 11 points, and 11 points, respectively.

The Lady Pirates (8-3) defeated the Lady Bulldogs 50-35 as Charlela Meloncon led the way with 14 points.

Mercy Cross banked a layup with :03 left in the contest to win by the narrowest of margins over OLA 40-39. Whitney Lyons led OLA with 13 points.

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## Hancock contributes six players to All-Region team

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BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

Six Hancock Hawks received first-team designation on the Region 3-5A football team following the 2002 season.

Seven other Hawks were tabbed as honorable mention selections. Also, Hancock Hawks head coach Rocky Gaudin was selected as an All-Star coach for the

season. Senior quarterback Brandon Necaie, senior running back/linebacker Ricky Underwood, senior running back/defensive back Ervin Jackson, senior offensive/defensive lineman Nick Hume, junior wide receiver/defensive back David Brown, and junior offensive lineman Matt Rayborn were all selected to the first-team on the Region 3-5A football team.

OL/DL Darren Elliott, LB Charles Bolden, LB Jerrod Barrois, DL Steven

Guidos, LB Robert Domke, DB Eddie Bledsoe, and DL Donald Hains were all selected to the honorable mention team.

Hancock head coach Rocky Gaudin was selected as an assistant coach for the South squad for the Bernard Blackwell All-Star Classic held on July 18 at Madison Central High School. The players for the Bernard Blackwell Classis and the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Classic will be selected on February 5.

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DANIEL STENKLYFT  
ARRIE WINTERS**



### JOSEPH BATES

Joseph Preston (Jo Jo) Bates, 21, of Bay St. Louis, MS., died at his home on Friday, December 13, 2002.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis, a 1999 graduate of Hancock High School, a Catholic and member of St. John's Catholic Church, Lakeshore.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Preston and Isabelle St. Amant.

Survivors include; his mother, Glenda Bates of Bay St. Louis; father, Luke Bates, Sr. of Waveland; his fiancé, Crystal Chicho of Bay St. Louis; two brothers, Luke Bates, Jr. and Stephen Bates, both of Bay St. Louis; paternal grandparents, Eloy Bates and Elizabeth Summers, both of Bay St. Louis; six uncles, Doug St. Amant, Mike Simpson, Peter Bates, Paul Bates, Mark Bates and Charles Bates all of Bay St. Louis; one aunt, Lillian Ladner of DeLisle.

A visitation will be held Monday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. until noon at St. John's Catholic Church, Lakeshore, followed by a Christian Burial Mass at noon.

Interment will follow in the Bayou La Croix Cemetery, Bayou La Croix Community.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

### CHERYL LYNN BARKEMER

Cheryl Lynn Johnson Barkemeyer, 46, of Bay St. Louis, MS., died, Thursday, December 12, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

She as a native of Oceanside, CA and a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS for the past five years. She graduated from Marion Abramson High School in New Orleans, LA. She was the inspiration for Cheryl's Pedal pushers, a cycling team that participated in the MS Tour to raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Louisiana Chapter.

Survivors include: a daughter, Brandy Barkemeyer; father and stepmother, Dale and Helen Johnson of Kingston Springs, TN; mother and stepfather, Carolyn and Paul May of Pearlinton, MS; two brothers, Brian Johnson and Richard Johnson; sister, Melinda Pascarelli, Houma, LA; and grandmother, Helen Larman, Muscle Shoals, AL.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family prefers donations to; National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 3615 Service Rd., Suite 101, Metairie, LA or Dunbar Village, 725 Dunbar

Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

### JUDITH MAUFFRAY GARNER

Judith "Mimi" Mauffray Garner, 92, died Nov. 29, 2002, at her home.

Mrs. Garner was a faithful member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. She was a member of the PTO, the Mothers Club, the Alter Society, the American Cancer Society, and coordinator of Reach to Recovery. She was retired from the Mississippi State Welfare Department where she was supervisor of the food stamp program.

She was preceded in death by her husband Currie C. Garner, granddaughter Cathy Seely, six brothers and sisters and parents Joseph and Dora Mauffray.

Survivors include two daughters Gail Seely of Moss Point and Janet Middleton of Laurel; a sister Oleah M. Delph of St. Louis, MO.; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews and many in-laws.

Services will be held on Monday, Dec. 16 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with Rosary at 9:30 a.m., visitation from 10 a.m. and Mass at 11 a.m. Father Ron Herzog will officiate. Interment will follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery. The Knights of Columbus will serve as pallbearers. Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

The family requests memorials be made to Immaculate Conception

School, South Central Regional Medical Center, Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

### FLORENCE G. ONEILL

Florence Gowers Oneill, 84, of Bay St. Louis, MS., died Wednesday, December 11, 2002, in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Arrangements are incomplete at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS.

### DANIEL STENKLYFT

Daniel Scott Stenklyft, 35, died Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, in Picayune.

Mr. Stenklyft was a native of Picayune. He was of the Baptist faith and a member of Steephollow Baptist Church, Steephollow Community.

Survivors include his parents, James and Wanda Smith Stenklyft of Poplarville; two brothers, Kirk and Derek Stenklyft, both of Poplarville; a sister, Renee Rainey of Gulfport; and six grandchildren.

Services were held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Steephollow Baptist Church, Steephollow Community. Burial was private.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of the arrangements.

### ARRIE WINTERS

Arrie A. Pickett Winters, 89, died Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Winters was a native of Meadville and attended Meadville schools. She was employed as a housekeeper and was a member of Mercy Seat Missionary Baptist Church, Gulfport.

She was preceded in

death by her husband, Percy Winters; her parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Huff Pickett; brothers; and two stepsisters.

Survivors include two sisters, Mary P. Norwood and Colantha A. Williams both of Gulfport.

Services were held at Mercy Seat Missionary Baptist Church with burial in Monroe Memorial Park in Landon.

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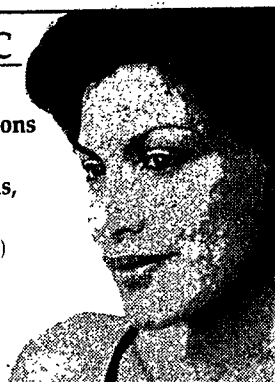
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## Memorial service for Edith Back

A memorial service for Edith Bierhorst Back will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at 316 Carroll Ave. Bay St. Louis.

Back, 79, died Nov. 29 in Bay St. Louis after a brief illness. A native of New Orleans, back spent 20 years in social work before switching to a career in journalism. She retired in 1988 from The Sun Herald.

Back's civic activities included acting and directing for Bay St. Louis Little Theatre and Waveland Players, helping people with AIDS and editing the Hancock County Historical Society's "Historian."

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The story hours scheduled at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, December 19, 26 and January 2, 2003, will not be held. They will resume on Thursday, January 9, 2003.

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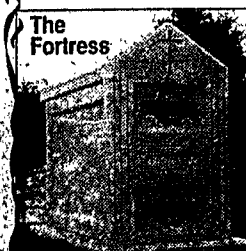
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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Bank announces officer promotions

### THE SEA COAST ECHO

Hancock Bank President and Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel announced officer promotions approved recently by the Hancock Holding Company and Hancock Bank board of directors:

William D. Anderson, Assistant Vice President, Operations officer and Host Delivery Applications team leader Anderson is a Pascagoula native. He graduated from Pascagoula High School and received a bachelor of science degree in business administration as a University of Southern Mississippi accounting and information systems major.

Marilyn Brown, Assistant Vice President, Brown, a 12-year financial services veteran originally from Evansville, IN, earned a master of business administration degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and graduated from the Cannon Financial Institute Private Banking School. She is currently enrolled in the College of Financial Planning. The former Hancock Bank community relations director has served in high-level leadership capacities with numerous Gulf Coast civic and social organizations, including board positions with the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, and Kids Voting Mississippi. A Gulfport private banking officer, Brown is also a Leadership Gulf Coast graduate.

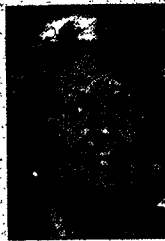
Corinne Lunsford-Buchholz, Assistant Vice President, Long Beach native Buchholz has 25 years of financial services experience. A Long Beach High School graduate who attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Buchholz joined Hancock Bank in 1997 as an operations officer in the bank's ATM department. Now ATM department manager, Buchholz has completed Hancock University's Leadership School and numerous computer training courses. She is a mem-



Anderson



Brown



Burge



Davis



Byrd



Davis



Young



Fontenot

ber of the Exchange Club and has been an American Heart Association team leader. Additionally, Buchholz is president of the Long Beach High School cheerleaders booster club and past treasurer of Long Beach Youth Baseball.

Kristi V. Burge, Assistant Vice President, Loan officer Burge manages Hancock Bank's Triangle branch and has been with Hancock Bank for almost ten years. She is former branch manager of the East Ocean Springs branch. A native of Hurley, Burge graduated from East Central High School in Hurley and attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. She currently holds a Mississippi annuity license and completed Hancock University's Retail Management Tract and Commercial Credit School. Burge is a member of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and the Mississippi Young Bankers Association. She also assists with the Jackson County Trade Show and United Way membership drives.

Ginger Byrd, Assistant Vice President, Long Beach native and Pass Christian resident Byrd serves Hancock Bank as a savings officer in CD/IRA sales at the company's main Gulfport office. A graduate of Long Beach High School, she attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community

College and received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. She joined Hancock Bank 23 years ago. Byrd is a member of the Carnival Association of Long Beach.

Schella Davis, Assistant Vice President, Biloxi resident and operations officer Davis manages Hancock Bank's Deposit Operations department. She joined the company in May 1994 and has over 10 years of financial services industry experience. Davis has completed Alltel's IMPACS System Operations and Processing and Consumer Lending through the Institute of Financial Education.

Macey Fisher-Young, Assistant Vice President, Fisher-Young, a Hancock Bank Management Development graduate, joined the company as small business segment product manager in 1999 and now manages the Hancock product group. Young, a Gulfport native, is a Gulfport High School graduate with a bachelor of business administration degree in banking and finance, management, and managerial finance from The University of Mississippi. She recently received a master of business administration degree from William Carey College and graduated in 2002 from the Mississippi School of Banking as class president

and with Top Scholar Award recognition. She is in the Leadership Mississippi Class of 2002 and serves as the Mississippi Young Bankers Association Harrison County chairperson. Young serves the Mississippi Coast Chamber of Commerce as membership drive team captain and on the new member development committee. Additionally, she is on the Gulfport Kiwanis board of directors, chairs several Kiwanis committees, and volunteers as a Junior Achievement fundraising team leader. Young also serves on the Gulfport Yacht Club entertainment and house committees.

Dixie Fontenot, Assistant Vice President, PC/Branch Applications Team Leader Fontenot is a native of Franklin, LA, and graduated from Hanson Memorial High School in Franklin. She received a bachelor of science degree in finance from the University of Louisiana in Lafayette. With nine years in the financial services industry, Fontenot has been with Hancock Bank since 1996 and has served as a business systems liaison and Help Desk analyst.



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CHEVRON /CVX	67.63	- .72
COCA COLA/KO	45.85	+ .45
CSX CORP/CSX	27.83	- .67
DUPONT/DD	42.56	- 1.24
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Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward Jones Co.

## Chilimigras serves second term as HMC chief of staff

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The medical staff of Hancock Medical Center has re-elected family medicine physician Roberta M. Chilimigras president for the 2002-2003 term.

Pathologist J. D. Rutherford-III was elected vice president, and internal medicine specialist James C. Crittenden was named secretary.

Members-at-large are obstetrician/gynecologist Keith Goodfellow, internal medicine specialist/pulmonologist Sayeed Aziz, orthopedic surgeon Tomas Flores and emergency department physician Sean Appleyard. Anesthesiologist Dale Loiacano is past president.

Dr. Chilimigras is a native of Ohio and has been on the active staff of



Roberta Chilimigras, MD

Hancock Medical Center since 1993.

A graduate of the University of Dayton, she earned a medical degree at

Ohio State University and completed internships at Bronson Medical Hospital and rotation in Kalamazoo, Mich.

She completed one year of rehabilitation residency at Chicago Rehab Institute in Chicago, Ill., and practiced in Michigan, Senatobia, Miss. and Slidell before opening an office in Waveland.

She is board certified in family practice.



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Mississippi, for a consecutive year. MHC is expecting to surpass last year's attendance of more than 375 participants, generating even more of an economic impact for the state. For more information visit MHC's web site at [www.mshc.com](http://www.mshc.com).

## Congratulations to Casino Magic's Team!

### TEAM MEMBERS OF THE 4TH QUARTER



From the picture: Sheela Long, Sara Taylor, and the winners of the 4th Quarter Casino Magic contest. The winners are: Sara Taylor, Sheela Long, and the winners of the 4th Quarter Casino Magic contest. The winners are: Sara Taylor, Sheela Long, and the winners of the 4th Quarter Casino Magic contest.

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Casino Magic



# We call those people 'good deed-doers'

A stranger in need is a friend, indeed

A group of us were talking the other day about various things when the subject turned to what constitutes a good deed. We argued for a bit and finally settled on basic criteria that seemed to satisfy all.

The deeds we were talking about had to be a small, pleasant deed that helped in some way the person receiving the deed and (the group consensus was unanimous on this point) was equally as pleasant to the person doing the deed.

We also agreed that the person doing the deed did it with no sense of receiving a reward beyond a thank you and a sincere smile. In fact anything beyond that would be embarrassing to both parties.

## Did you ever do a good deed?

Then the conversation turned to two back-to-back questions: did you ever do a good deed, and have you ever received or had a good deed done to you. This produced a lot of soul searching and, best of all, a lot of laughter. As a great topic of conversation, it kept us busy for quite a while.

Most of the good deeds described were personal so I won't repeat them here. But I will tell of my good deed, not to receive any acclaim, but because it was a fun thing to do. Then I will tell of the good deed done to me, because, bless them, it seemed to me the doers had had fun doing what they did.

I was driving along Central Avenue, the road beside the railroad tracks

## Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette  
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connecting Waveland and the Bay.

It was a few days before Christmas and it was cold, there had been a rain and the roads had scattered patches of ice.

Ahead of me was a car followed by a pickup truck. Suddenly the car slid on a

the other end of the rope to the ball on his bumper and was already back in his truck, looking inquiringly back at me. I looked at the way the car was situated somewhat slanted in the shallow ditch and went around to the down side of the car.

I motioned to the truck to go, pushing as I did the car toward the road, hoping it wouldn't fish tail back at me. I was lucky, it didn't. The truck pulled the towline taut and the car came out of the

**'What they did for us took a little gas and an hour or so of their time, but in doing so, they got into the hearts of four guys and we often spoke about them afterwards, with ... fondness and respect.'**

ditch smoothly and sat on the road as if nothing had happened.

I quickly slipped under the car, unhooked the towrope, tossed it in the back of the truck, waved at the driver, and he drove off.

As I passed the woman's car on the way back to my own, she rolled down the window and said thanks; the children around her just stared and smiled. I smiled back, got in my car and drove off.

The whole thing must have taken about a minute

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and a half, from when I stopped to when I drove off. Except for the woman's rather startled thanks, not a word had been said.

But think about it. I felt good, the pickup's driver felt good and the women in the car felt good. I doubt if any of us had thought much about it in the years since this happened, and in fact till the group conversation I described, I had never said really said anything about it to anyone.

On the flip side, the deed done to me was a little like that.

## One good turn deserves another

I was involved in taking a census of the whale and porpoise population in a hundred-mile square in the Gulf, eighty miles south of Mobile. I flew with two other marine scientists and a pilot in a two-engine Cessna out of Stennis airport just a few miles north of my house.

The trips averaged about five hours each, which in the cramped tiny plane with all our instruments was rather tiring. It was like taking a long bumpy trip in an old Volkswagen Beetle with three other grown men and all our luggage.

For the sake of variety, we broke the trips up into two parts: a three-hour segment, a break and then a two-hour segment. We used the break to get a light lunch at one of the several small airports that line the Coast.

One day we decided to

try to lunch at a small landing strip on the eastern end of Dauphin Island, one of the populated barrier islands.

The concrete landing strip was all there was there, no buildings, nothing. We landed, and locking up, walked a short distance to the main road. Once there, we stood, looking around, wondering which way to go. There didn't seem to be a building in sight in any direction.

A pickup truck came down the road and one of us stuck out his thumb. The truck stopped and two teen-age girls stared at us curiously. I guess we did look rather odd, four men standing by the side of the road with nothing visible around us indicating how we got there.

"We just landed on the strip back there," said the pilot by way of explanation, "and were wondering which way we should walk to get something to eat."

The girls laughed. "You would have had a long walk. Hop in back and we'll take you."

We jumped in the back of the pickup and enjoyed the fresh air and the view as the girls drove us several miles to a pleasant little restaurant on the beach.

We climbed out, thanked the girls and went inside to the coolness of the restaurant.

We picked out a large table and chairs that allowed us to stretch our legs and relaxed. We enjoyed a nice seafood lunch, talking and kidding

each other, trying to make the meal last as long as possible, none of us anxious to get back into the cramped plane.

Finally, we got up to pay and to ask the cashier if there was some type of taxi that could take us back to our aircraft.

As we paid, we heard a voice, "Are you ready to go back?" We turned startled. There were the two girls sitting at a small table by the door.

There were two Barq's root beers in front of them that they had evidently been nursing along all the time we had been talking and eating. We offered to pay for the root beer, but they laughed and said that they had already taken care of it.

We piled in the back of the truck and the girls climbed in the front and we were driven back to where the plane sat all alone, baking in the sun on the long strip of concrete. The girls stayed, watched us get in the aircraft, taxi, and take off. We circled, dipped our wings and went back to our survey.

They were two very nice people.

What they did for us took a little gas and an hour or so of their time, but in doing so, they got into the hearts of four guys and we often spoke about them afterwards, with much of the fondness and respect that I'm doing here.

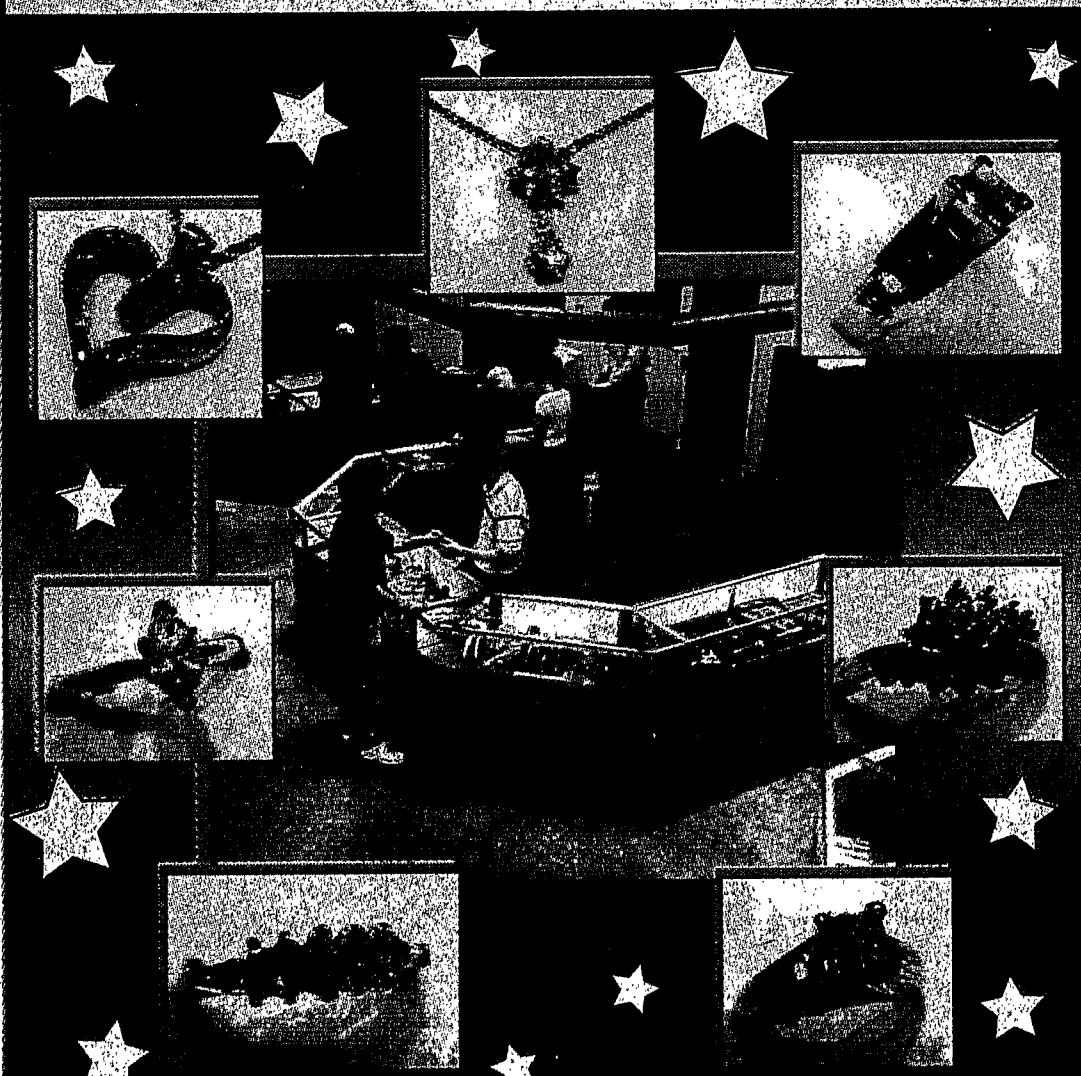
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## The Sea Coast Echo

### 2002 Football Players of the Year

#### Necaise, Mallini head up 2002 All-Sea Coast Echo selections

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The 2002 high school gridiron season has run its course and come to an end.

The state championships in respective classes have been decided. And, while no area team brought home the hardware there is much to be proud of. The area had two teams participate in the post-season.

St. Stanislaus advanced to the first-round of the Class 4A state playoffs and finished with a 4-7 overall record. Hancock High School won the 63rd annual Shrimp Bowl and finished 8-4. Pass Christian fought tough in every game and ended with a 3-7 mark. The Bay High Tigers lined up a lot of youth which will spawn big dividends in the future. The Tigers ended 2002 winless at 0-10. The newspaper has announced their selections to the All-Sea Coast Echo football team for 2002 along with the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year. We

Senior quarterback Brandon Necaise of Hancock High School leads the way for the offense as Player of the Year while senior defensive lineman Frederick Mallini anchored the defense as the top player.

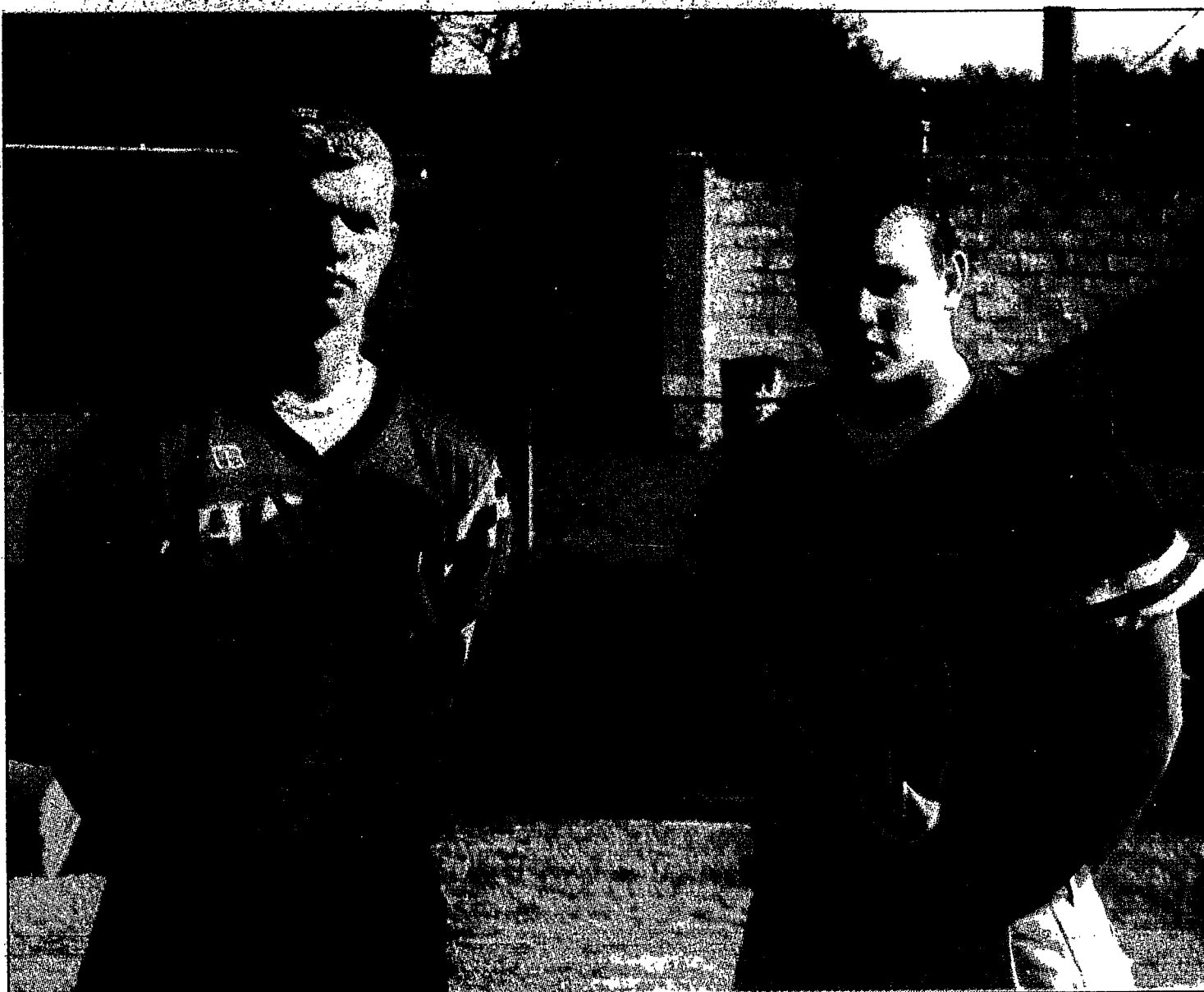
On offense, Necaise threw for 1,035 yards and 9 touchdowns this year. For his career, he tossed 41 touchdown passes which set an all-time mark for the Hawks. His career passing yards topped 3,900 yards. In addition to being a star on offense, he helped the Hawks to an 8-4 record while also playing safety and punter for Hancock. On defense, Necaise recorded 26 tackles and three interceptions. He punted 30 times for 944 yards for a 31-yard average. He led the

Hawks to a victory in the tradition rich 63rd annual Shrimp Bowl over East Central. Necaise, one of the greatest Hawks offensive players, will be a huge loss in the lineup after holding his position as a four-year starter which saw him establish a record of 27-17 under center. Necaise possesses the tangible, as well as the intangible, assets to play at the next level and is a hot item on the recruiting market.

Others named to the first-team offense were St. Stanislaus OL Bob Bass and Nick Weinmann, Pass Christian RB Maurice Hardnett, RB Ricky Underwood of Hancock, RB Monroe Jordan and OL Cory Carr of Bay High, WR Michael Cure of SSC, WR David Brown of Hancock, OL Brad Steube of Pass Christian, OL Alan Pace of Hancock, QB Tim Kulikowski of SSC, AP player Gabe Willis of SSC, and PK Kyle Moran of Bay High.

St. Stanislaus tackle Bob Bass has been a mainstay on the line for the Rocks for the past two years. The 6-0, 235-pound junior graded out at 71 percent for the season. Nick Weinmann, a 6-1, 205-pound junior guard for the Rocks, has been a two-year starter and graded out at 74 percent for the year. Both were instrumental in the Rocks' run to the state 4A playoffs in 2002.

Pass Christian running back Maurice Hardnett entered the season as one of the Coast's top college recruits. While the injury bug hit Hardnett late in the season, the 6-1, 210-pound senior tops the list. A bruising runner, Hardnett rushed for 1,316 yards on 228 carries and scored five times. A four-year starter at fullback, Hardnett will



Senior quarterback Brandon Necaise, left, of Hancock High School leads the way for the offense as Player of the Year while senior defensive lineman Frederick Mallini of St. Stanislaus anchored the defense as the top player.

most likely find himself in the backfield next year for a Division I-A school.

Ricky Underwood started three years in the offensive backfield for the Hawks. The 6-0, 225-pound senior bulldozer rushed for 408 yards on 84 carries and scored 6 touchdowns. He also caught 16 passes for 164 yards out of the backfield. He provided a solid complement to the passing of teammate Brandon Necaise and gave the Hawks the needed punch up the middle.

Monroe Jordan of Bay High only played seven games due to nagging injuries throughout the season; however, his presence was felt whenever he toted the pigskin. Jordan, a 5-10, 195-pound power back, rushed for 412 yards on 106 carries and scored four times for the young Tigers. One of the few seniors on the Tiger squad, Jordan was a tireless leader who started for three years in the back-

field.

Cory Carr, a 6-2, 295-pound center for the Tigers, was also hurt several games this year. The senior was a starter for just one season and graded out at 71 percent during the time he gave the snaps. When Carr was on the field, the Tigers' running game was elevated to different level.

Michael Cure is a sophomore wide receiver for the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws. The 5-10, 185-pound wide out led the team in receiving with 15 catches for 239 yards and 5 touchdowns. His longest reception of the season was 43 yards. With Cure in the game, the Rocks had a threat to go deep every play. Only a sophomore, Cure expects to factor into the Rocks' plans for a couple of more seasons.

David Brown did it all for the Hancock Hawks in 2002. The 6-2, 185-pound junior will be a target for most recruiters heading

into gridiron 2003. Brown has been a starter for two years and led the team in receiving this year with 20 catches for 310 yards and 3 touchdowns. He also added 288 yards on 55 carries and four scores.

Brad Steube, a hulking 6-4, 285-pound tackle, was force on the line for the Pass Christian Pirates this year. The three-year starter has caught the eyes of some major recruiters and looks to be on a collegiate team next fall.

Alan Pace has been a three-year starter at guard for the Hancock Hawks. The 6-0, 245-pound senior helped protect Necaise when he dropped back for many of his record setting touchdown passes.

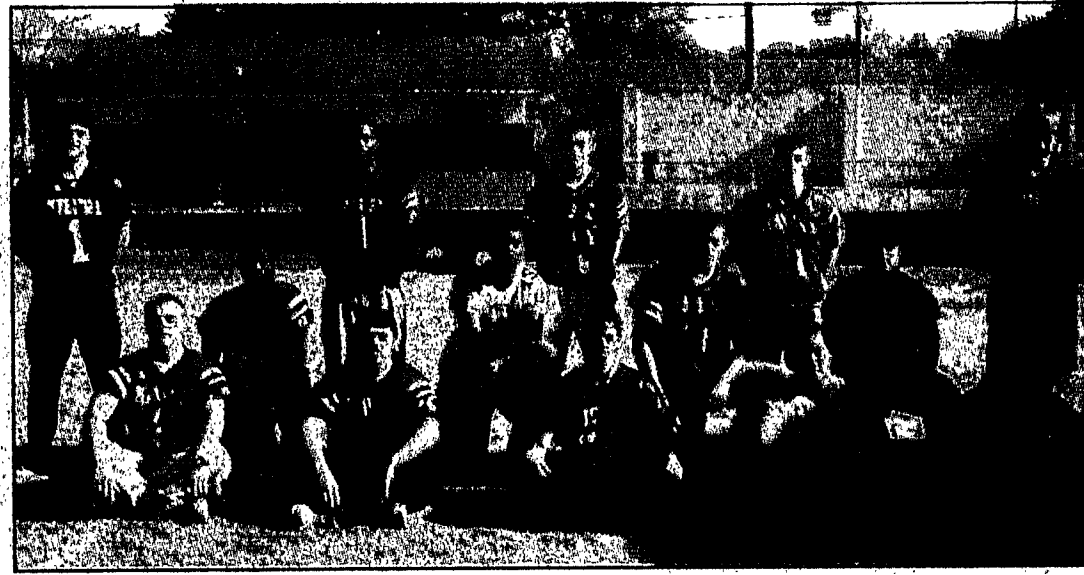
Kyle Moran is just a freshman for the Bay High Tigers but made an impact with his leg. He converted on 9-of-12 PAT's during the season and served as the back-up punter for Bay High. The 5-10, 165-pound specialist showed tremen-

dous potential as a first-year player.

Junior quarterback Tim Kulikowski was a different player for the Rocks this season. His improved play from a year ago paid dividends for SSC quickly as he led them to a state playoff appearance. The 6-4, 190-pound two-year starter threw for 613 yards and six touchdowns with a long pass of 50 yards. With continued growth and development during the offseason, Kulikowski should draw some attention from various universities.

The explosive pint-sized Gabe Willis proved his worth each time he touched the football for the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws. The 5-6, 160-pound senior workhorse played running back, wide receiver, defensive back, safety, and returned both kick-offs and punts. Needless to say, the all-purpose player never left the field.

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#### The 2002 All-Sea Coast Echo Football Team

The members of the 2002 All-Sea Coast Echo Football team are Bay High's Cory Carr, Monroe Jordan, Kyle Moran, Jimmy Blount and Jake Pearce. Hancock players include Ricky Underwood, David Brown, Alan Pace, Darren Elliott, Charles Bolden, Robert Donke and Eddie Bledsoe. Pass Christian players include Maurice Hardnett, Brad Steube, Matt Scarborough, Ledeal Johnson and Chad Musgrove. St. Stanislaus players include Bob Bass, Nick Weinmann, Michael Cure, Tim Kulikowski, Gabe Willis, Kit Stovall, Lee Klein, Ashton Wright and Jeremy Keller.







## Weddings

# Compretta, Christian wed in lavish Bay ceremony

**O**ur Lady of the Gulf Church was the setting for the December 14th Marriage of Jessica Leigh Compretta of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and Chad Christian Caillet of Luling, Louisiana.

The Bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joseph Compretta of Bay St. Louis. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Patrick Keith of Jonesboro, Louisiana and the late Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Paul Compretta of Bay St. Louis.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kerwin Eli Caillet of Luling, Louisiana. He is the grandson of Mr. Wayne John Lauve and the late Mrs. Marie Alleman Lauve of Luling, Louisiana and Mr. and Mrs. Marcelin Eli Caillet of Hahnville, Louisiana.

Father Michael Paul Austin celebrated a Nuptial Mass at the afternoon ceremony with Father Cuddy O'Connell serving as Concelebrant.

Musical selections were presented by soloists, Joni Kihneman Compretta, sister-in-law of the Bride; Mandy Hudson Lacy; Darleen Previto and David Branch. The Violinist was Marsel Lanasa; trumpeter, Earl Tanner; the guitarist, David Branch; the organist and Director of Music was Edward M. Grotkowski. The wedding party entered to Pachabel's "Canon in D", followed by the Bell Ringers, with the chiming of the hour and entering to "Ode To Joy", henceforth followed by the Ring Bearer and the Flower Girl. The Procession was followed with Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary", heralding the entrance of the Bride.

The Recessional was Psalm XIX by Marcello. Shubert's "Ava Maria" was played as a violin solo and Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer" as well as "Eternity" for the Lighting of the Unity Candle were sung by soloists.

The scripture readings were rendered by Monica Caillet, Aunt of the Groom; Christy Steib, cousin of the Groom and Mynette Zimmer, Godmother of the Groom.

The Gift bearers and Greeters were; Jami Pauline Chiniche, Amy Compretta Goscinski, Jacqueline Mary Sotak, and Ledier Austin Walker, all cousins of the Bride.

As the proud father walked down the aisle, with daughter in arm, the room was filled with shimmering mists of light, which reflected beautifully from the Brides exquisite jeweled gown. The strapless "Cinderella gown" was embellished with seed pearls, rhinestones and rovals. The designer gown of sparkling misty organza and French tulle featured a basque bodice overlaid with beaded and sequined schiffli embroidered lace, which generously lavished tulle panels extending from the fitted waistline and falling into the six layered full bouffant skirt. The draping back bow of diaphanous white satin led delicately to the chapel train of gossamer stardust tulle and jeweled motif. Her veil with three tiers of French tulle was edged with white satin ribbon and fell in adornment to fingertip length from her princess designed tiara of rhinestones and crystals. Her jewelry was a pearl and diamond necklace with matching earrings, which was a gift from her parents. The bridal ensemble was completed with a pair of white opera length gloves with pearl clasp and jeweled "Cinderella slippers".

The bridal bouquet was a classical nosegay of two



Mrs. Jessica Leigh Compretta Christian

dozen white roses, which was accented with a jeweled clutch and wide white satin ribbon, which caught the stems and fell into streamers.

Connally Compretta Scardino of Pass Christian, Mississippi, attended her sister as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Brittany Keaton Benefield of Covington, Louisiana; Miranda Smith Compretta of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi; Angie Richardson Farve of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi; Shelley Donay Guilliams of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Deborah Kay Monti of New Orleans, Louisiana; Ashley Elizabeth Riggs of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Susan Elizabeth Sullivan of Smyrna, Georgia.

The attendants were identically attired in gowns of ice blue brocade satin and tulle. The gowns featured a halter neckline and fitted bodice accented with a lace up back above a full tulle floor length skirt.

To stay in accordance with the "Winter Wonderland" wedding theme, the bridesmaids carried white fur muffs adorned with a sparkling white snowflake.

The flower girl was Maycee Maleah Scardino, niece and Godchild of the bride. Her gown was an original "princess style" satin and tulle creation designed especially for the wedding with rhinestone tiara to replicate the bride.

The Bell ringers, who ceremoniously brought in "the chiming of the hour", were Mattison Melynn Scardino, niece of the bride; Cassidy Marie Compretta, niece of the bride and Robert Joseph Compretta, III, nephew of the bride.

Darren Michael Caillet of Luling, Louisiana and brother of the groom, served as the best man.

Groomsmen were, Brenan Keith Compretta of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi; Robert Joseph Compretta, Jr. of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi; Jason Michael Donnaud of Destrehan, Louisiana; Michael Anthony Federico of Meridian, Mississippi; Jared William Martin of Gulf Breeze, Florida; Robert Brady Mills of Diamondhead, Mississippi; and Jeffrey Marion Todd of Columbus, Ohio.

Ushers were Matthew Herrick Baltz of Madison, Florida Christopher Lee Hesse of Omaha, Nebraska and Matthew Joseph Scardino of Pass Christian, Mississippi.

The Ringbearer was Cooper Jacob Compretta, nephew and Godchild of the bride.

Following the wedding

ceremony, a reception was held in the Cypress Ballroom at the Casino Magic Bay Tower Hotel with music by Shea Ladner and his band. The room sparkled with adornments of the champagne gold floor-length tablecloths and matching chair sashes. The table decorations of fresh white roses and tulips were interchanged with lamp-lights. Each table had sprinklings of frosted snowflakes. There was a large white sleigh with reindeer for placement of gifts and a winter ice sculpture. The focal point for the reception was the bridal cake table which hosted a six-tiered wedding cake on a silver pedestal, which was adorned with edible glittered snowflakes and topped with a "Cinderella snow castle".

Upon their return from a honeymoon in Cancun, the couple will reside in Meridian, Mississippi, where Mr. Caillet is assistant baseball coach at Meridian Community College.

Pre-nuptial parties: An engagement Luau was given in August at the home of Mr. & Mrs. AJ Scardino and hosted by Connally and Matt Scardino, Joyce and Dennis Scardino, Darren Caillet Shelley Guilliams and Jackie Sotak. Music selections were rendered by singer and guitarist, Miles Sharp.

In September, Barbara and Jenny Boston and Jessica Willy hosted a miscellaneous bridal shower in the Boston home.

A bridesmaid's shower was held at the Historic Bay St. Louis Depot with hostesses being Angie Farve, Debbie Monti, Brittany Benefield, Ashley Riggs and Susan Sullivan.

In October, a party for the bride was held in the home of Angie Farve.

A dinner party and "Room to Room" shower was held at "Court Street Station" in October. Hostesses for this party were, Miranda Compretta, Michelle Knight, Amy Goscinski, Sandra Compretta, Jami Chiniche, Betty Chiniche, Marsha

Garziano and Dori Garziano.

In November, a "Honey-Do" and Bridal shower was hosted by Diane Caillet, Shelley Guilliams, Christy Steib, Monica Caillet, Karen Caillet and Mynette Zimmer in the home of the grooms parents in Luling, Louisiana.

The Bridal Luncheon, hosted by Karen Compretta, mother of the bride, was held on the eve of the wedding at "The

Chimneys Restaurant" in Gulfport.

Prior to the wedding, a formal rehearsal dinner was given for the wedding party at "The Palace in the Pass", historical Beachfront Mansion, located on Scenic Drive in Pass Christian, Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Kerwin Caillet, the parents of the groom, hosted the gala affair. The bridal couple was showered with many toasts and well wishes.

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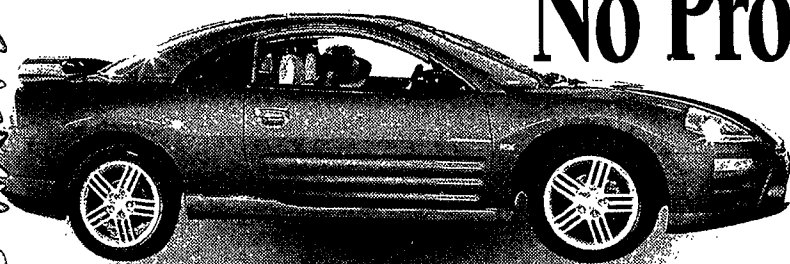
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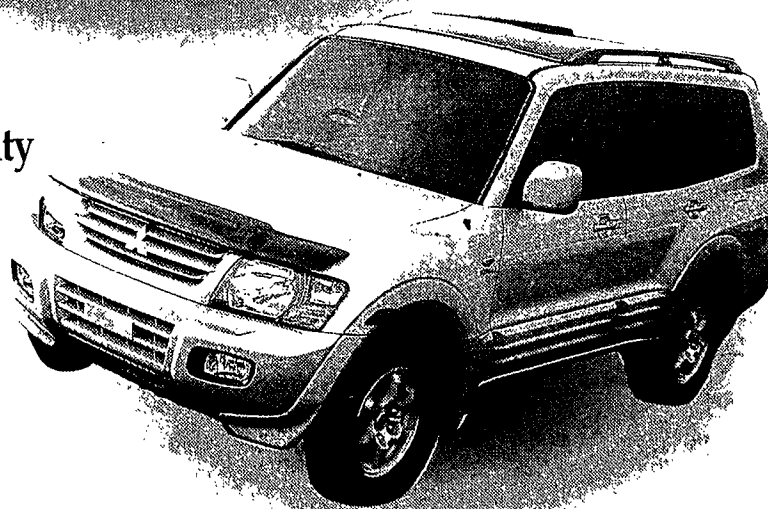
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**Friday:** Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast, Juice

#### LUNCH

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**Tuesday:** Chili and Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Steak Sandwich with Trimmings, Cheesy Broccoli, Peas and Carrots, Chilled Peach Slices, Orange Smiles, Chewy Fudge Brownie

**Wednesday:** Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Bacon Burger, Seasoned Potato, Coleslaw, Fresh Banana, Strawberry Blend, Mexican Cornbread

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**Tuesday:** Fried Fish, Cheeseburger, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Sliced Orange Wedges, Fruit Juice, Hushpuppies, Crackers, Peanut Butter Cookies

**Wednesday:** Salisbury Steak with Gravy, Ham and Cheese Pobo, Creamed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Garlic Bread, Crackers, Jell-O

**Thursday:** Turkey with Dressing, Corn Dog Nuggets, Yam Patties, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Apple, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

**Friday:** Chicken Spaghetti, Pizza, French Fries, Broccoli with Cheese, Baby Carrot Sticks with Dip, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Ice Cream

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The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi will hold its first Coast Playhouse fundraiser to benefit Mississippi Coast children who are battling life-threatening illnesses.

For a \$1 donation, donors' names will go into a drawing for a life size 6' by 8' child's playhouse. The Harrison County Sheriff's Department is building a dream come true house for some lucky little boy or girl.

The drawing will be Dec. 20. Tickets for this charming playhouse are available at The Peoples Bank branches, Coast Electric locations and will be available at Art of the Season.

By purchasing tickets, individuals will help the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi raise much needed funds to grant wishes for children here at home.

Individuals may also call the Coast office at 228-575-8691 to purchase tickets or charge tickets to a credit card.

"We are really excited about our Coast Playhouse fundraiser this year," said Shellie Moses, Gulf Coast coordinator. "This is a fundraiser that everyone can get involved in. Parents can buy tickets for their children, and kids can even enter themselves. Grandparents can purchase tickets in honor of their grandchildren, and employers can buy tickets as extra Christmas happens for their employees who have children."

"We also appreciate any extra donations that may be included with the purchase of playhouse tickets," explained Moses. "We are experiencing a phenomenal growth in the number of children we are serving and are dependent on community support to help raise the funds to make these children's wishes come true."

"We are currently working on almost 50 wishes for Mississippi children, 12 of those children are here on the Coast. This means more brave children who are dealing with more than any child should ever have to

are having their greatest wishes granted.

"However, at an average wish cost of \$5,000, it is also

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## Births

### BRENNAN CARLO GEBBIA

Brandy Cuevas, Gebbia and Shawn Carlo Gebbia of Kiln announce the birth of a son, Brennan Carlo, Nov. 17, 2002 NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

Maternal grandparents are Berlyn and Barbara Cuevas of Kiln.

Paternal grandparents are Dorothy Dupuy of Kiln and the late Stanley Gebbia.

Brennan is welcomed by his sister, Baleigh.

### KENDRICK DAREN LOWERY

Tricia Hiti and Daren Otho Lowery of Waveland announce the birth of a son, Kendrick Daren, Nov. 3, 2002 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Joe and Pat Hiti of Chesterland, Ohio.

Paternal grandparents are Ronnie and Faye Lowery of Heidelberg, Miss.

### RICHARD JAMES MCQUEEN

Christopher and Kerri McQueen of Jackson announce the birth of a son, Richard James, Nov. 17, 2002 at River Oaks Hospital.

He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Artis E. James Jr. of Diamondhead.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kelly L. McQueen of Pass Christian. Great-grandmother is Yvonne Salinger of Bay St. Louis.

### LUKE ANTHONY ESTAPA

Mr. and Mrs. Todd R. Estapa of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a son, Luke Anthony, Nov. 5, 2002 at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Mrs. Estapa is the former Carrie Mizell.

Maternal grandparents are Wayne and Belinda Mizell and Mary Robertson.

Paternal grandparents are Edward and Susie Estapa, and Teri and Charles Lucas.

Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Luke Benigno, Mr. and Mrs. John Mizell, and Lucille Price and Elizabeth Estapa.

Luke is welcomed by Danica, Courtney and Gage.

### WYATT ANTHONY LADNER

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Anthony Ladner of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their third child, Wyatt Anthony, Nov. 14, 2002 at 10:52 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 10 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Ladner is the former Tonya Harper.

Maternal grandparents are Robert L. and Martha L. Harper of Picayune.

Paternal grandparents are Lyonie "Jeep" and Rosie Ladner of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Addie Johnson of Vicksburg, Miss., Mary Harper of Arlington, Texas, and Lucy Galiano of Marrero and the late E. A. Galiano, and the late Myrtle and August Ladner.

Wyatt is welcomed by his sisters Madelynn and Samantha.

### COOPER STEVEN COOKSEY

Mr. and Mrs. Steven W. Cooksey of Waveland announce the birth of their first child, Cooper Steven, Dec. 3, 2002 at 1:40 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 8 pounds 10 1/2 ounces.

Mrs. Cooksey is the former Lisa Yarborough.

Maternal grandparents are Gary and Evelyn Yarborough of Bay St. Louis.

Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Michael and Judy Cooksey of Waveland.

Great-grandparents include Beryl Murtagh, the late Edward "Eddie" Murtagh, Darah Cooksey, the late John T. Cooksey and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Favre.

### ABIGALE LANEY KING

Mr. and Mrs. John D. King of Kiln announce the birth of their second child, Abigale Laney, July 10, 2002 at 7:54 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 9 pounds.

Mrs. King is the former Anna Harmon.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia George of Bay St. Louis and the late Joseph Sepulvado.

Paternal grandparents are Mary and Jim King of Amite, La. and the late Frank Myers.

Great-grandparents are Jerry and Terry Krummel of New Orleans.

Abigale is welcomed by her sister, Anadaya.

### AUBREY RENEE BAUGHMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Micheal R. Baughman of Picayune announce the birth of their second child, Aubrey Renée, Nov. 19, 2002 at 1:38 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

Mrs. Baughman is the former Sandra Ramond.

Maternal grandparents are Maria Ramond of Waveland and the late Vernon c. Ramond.

Paternal grandparents are Belinda and Charles Baughman of Waveland.

Great-grandparents include Edward Herndon of Waveland and Emma Baughman of Bay St. Louis.

Aubrey is welcomed by her brother, Reis.

## Governor announces substance abuse grants

Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently announced that agencies in 19 Mississippi communities have been awarded grants to implement substance abuse prevention programs targeting youth between the ages of 12 and 17.

The grants are part of the Governor's Mississippi Alliance for Prevention (MAP) initiative announced in May.

"The investments we make in our children today will pay great dividends tomorrow, and this initiative is part of our investment strategy," Musgrove said.

"Substance abuse is a serious issue among our young people. By taking action now, we can stop abuse before it starts and save those children already affected by it."

Led by Musgrove, the MAP initiative is administered by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health and implemented by DREAM, Inc.

Funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, the state will receive \$3 million per year for the next three years.

The community grant programs announced Sept. 18 will receive approximately \$100,000 a year for a total of three years, if the programs demonstrate a positive impact in the communities. Grant funds will be distributed later this month.

"These communities share a solid commitment to the lives of Mississippi's children, and we're going to

work closely with them to achieve our common goals," said Musgrove.

"The partnership between my office, the Department of Mental Health and DREAM is strong, and extends to each of these communities across Mississippi."

Grants are being awarded to, among others:

- National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Northeast Mississippi, Inc.;
- Jackson County Children's Services Coalition;
- Region 8 MH/MR Commission;
- Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources (Region 12);
- Gulf Coast Mental Health Center (Region 13);
- Vicksburg Family Development Service, Inc.;

• Partnership for a Healthy Scott County;

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• National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Central Mississippi, Inc.;

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## N. Bay students go to Jackson

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The students of Mary Kay Deen's multi-age class were honored with an invitation by Lt. Governor Amy Tuck to attend the Salute to Veterans ceremony in Jackson Nov. 8.

In addition to the ceremony, held on the steps of the Capitol building, students received a tour of the Capitol, entered the Senate Chambers, met with the Lt. Governor and visited the Mississippi Natural Science Museum.

Students prepared for the journey by using the Internet and books to research the history of our state and the legislative process.

As part of the whole arts initiative in place at North Bay, each child was given several opportunities throughout the day to sketch, journal, and reflect on what they experienced.

Now that they are back in Bay St. Louis, the stu-

dents will continue to revise and edit their journal entries, compose thank-you letters and extend the

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The elegant cruise ship Constellation set sail from Barcelona for Fort Lauderdale in November, only to add itself to a long line of luxury liners which recently discovered a highly contagious stomach virus harbored within themselves. Some 134 passengers were thoroughly sickened.

Surely, you have seen and heard in the news how many cruise ships have fallen prey to this viral affliction during the past year alone. You must have been given to wondering why so many thousands of people so willingly expose themselves to the likelihood of falling prey to the wicked virus.

In the last several months, more than 1000 passengers have been stricken by the infamous bug. "I don't think it would stop me from cruising," is the most frequent chant one hears from the vast majority of cruise ship frequent travelers. "It's a great way to relax, to cool your heels, calm your nerves."

A chlorine bleach solution is used to sanitize the huge luxury liners before they embark on their pleasure cruises. Despite such meticulous care, the horrible little virus still manages to hide away in secret places aboard ship, lying in ambush for hapless seafarers who gamble that the ship is virus-free.

Amazingly, a number of cruise ships steaming out of Florida in particular have

become repeat victims. When passengers get sick, the ships return to port, are scrubbed down and carefully cleaned with bleach again. Yet, even after all this, some ships still harbor the elusive, microscopic virus which ruins the cruise for some passengers by poisoning their stomachs.

Are you in the number of those who would gladly run the risk of falling victim to a vicious stomach virus in hopes of enjoying a luxurious, relaxing, pleasure-filled cruise? It all boils down to a single question.

What price, what degree of inconvenience, what extent of pain are you willing to pay for important, individual goals which you have in mind?

It is hugely intriguing to see how most people, in spite of a pending threat of painful consequences, do not hesitate, do not miss a beat when it comes to pursuing the prize of the moment. Once their eyes are on the prize, nothing will stop them, come hell or high water, as the old folks tell us. Not even a threat of biblical plague appearance, such as AIDS, has deterred some folks.

Many things come to mind, such as the ludicrous episode of the jubilant father gracing the TV screen a decade or so ago, proclaiming to the world how he had flown from the U.S. to London to buy a Christmas prize for his little daughter: one

## REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome LeDoux, SVD



of those ugly Cabbage Patch Dolls. Finding them scarce here, neither the ocean nor money was an object. I hope it did the kid good.

With gold as the prize in their eyes, the Spanish Conquistadores left a trail of sweat, tears and blood, their own and others', in a feverish, relentless quest of cities of gold, silver and precious stones. Their hot pursuit of the prize took on a life of its own, eventually becoming more precious than life itself, so that their very life was at extreme risk and frequently lost.

If we want something badly enough, we will make time for it, find the means to pursue it, learn the best way to proceed, and battle all obstacles which fall athwart our path. Whatever we perceive as the desired prize will get the full attention of our eyes, ears, mind, heart and very soul.

Thus, the burning question in your life is: Which prize in my life

creates my highest motivation and commands the lion's share of my attention, energy, time, dedication, resources and perseverance?

Some casual comparisons come to mind. Many of the same people who grouse about lengthy church services grab their stadium seats an hour before a football game, cheer mightily for three and a half

hours, and sometimes linger for an hour watching the big screen if their team wins the game.

Not a few likewise get their jollies out of wading into the smorgasbord and toys of casinos deep into night or morning. It would certainly seem that the House of God is not the prize of their eyes. Nor does any other venue of worship and prayer, private or public, seem to be the prize of their lives. A house full of cards, dice and one-armed bandits seems to be the likely prize.

"Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Matthew 6:21)

This leads a spouse on to wonder whether she/he is viewed by the beloved as the prize of life. Unfortunately, most of the evidence I have seen and heard all my life makes this sound like a reach in most cases. The only prize would seem to have been the perception of the beloved during the time of courting.

It is a shame that the prize of our lives is not more often our parents, our children, our siblings, our family clan, all of whom are special gifts given us by the biggest Prize of all, our Creator. If this sounds like schmaltz, that is an even greater disorder which we must strain to remedy as soon as possible.

## St. Joseph Catholic Church December worship, events

Dec. 24: Midnight Mass at 12. Before Mass at 11:30 p.m. will be the Pasada. (The Pasada is a reenactment of the search for a place for the birth of Jesus. There will be no morning mass.)

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And as if this were not enough, "Suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace among men with whom He is pleased...'" (Luke 2:13-14).

Yes, a whole host of angels appeared to the shepherds and sang to them about the coming of Christ. Do you need this kind of announcement about Christmas?

No, you are perfectly aware of the coming of Christmas. You have been consumed with buying presents and wrapping packages. Perhaps you already have a Christmas tree decorated.

And if you don't have your Christmas cards prepared and mailed, it's almost too late. But how does all of this relate to the Christmas the angels announced to the shepherds?

In the end, it does not have a great deal to do with the first Christmas. Why? Because the angels prepared the shepherds to receive Jesus Christ.

And so, if you are not prepared to receive the Lord Jesus Christ into your life, you are not really prepared for Christmas at all.

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# Entertainment

## Hillyer House plans December 'Parade of Artists'

**THE SEA COAST ECHO**  
Hillyer House, 207 E. Scenic Drive in Pass Christian announces the "Parade of Artists" for December:

### Jewelers

**Deborah Sparshott** has worked in a wide range of art and craft media. In the late 80s, she started working with clay, creating hand-built vessels from porcelain.

Always a bead lover and collector, it was a natural step for her to start making her own beads to adorn her pots.

The gallery that was showing her pots suggested she make a few necklaces with those handmade beads.

**Nancy Goodenough** is best known for creating hypnotic, luminous glass, where reflective colors play

against otherworldly textures and space.

As one poetic collector described it, her glass resembles "opals from other planets." She produces these magical effects by integrating ancient glass-forming methods, space-age dichroic glass, and a unique kiln-casting process. The result is much more complex than standard dichroic material. The glass has added depth, new colors, and an organic surface of unexpected mystery. She won first place in "Creative Designs" for 2001.

### Glass Artists

**Ron Mynatt** is a master glassblower and has his studio in Arkansas. He started blowing glass in 1977 and has 15 years blowing experience.

He has developed his own unique line of glass with

both traditional and contemporary designs. He was a glass instructor from 1986-1992 where he developed the glassblowing program to include classes for both beginning and advanced students.

His work was selected to be in the touring exhibit for the Year of the American Craft 1993. His designs have been sold at the Smithsonian Gallery in Washington, D.C.

**Joel Bloomberg** has produced a wide variety of original glass artworks including: lamps, vases, hand blown beads, stained glass windows and architectural glass sculpture.

Before the opening of his own shop, he traveled through Europe to visit the glass factories in Sweden and Italy and completed his bachelor of arts in ceramics and glass (1977).

His work is represented by over 100 galleries in the U.S.A. and Canada and held in private collections in Japan, France and Germany. His "Jellyfish Lamp" is a constant favorite for the Hillyer House.

### Pottery

Writer and artist **Dana Simon** lives with her husband, painter John Orth, and two daughters on the shore of Maryland's Chesapeake Bay, in a century-old waterman's house they have restored.

She is best known for her large wild and wonderful Elephants and Monkeys and a host of animal candlesticks she designs and creates.

She is author and illustrator of the LegendBook series, four colorful poetic stories depicting personal myths of her own devising.

Her work has sold in the Smithsonian catalog, Neiman Marcus stores, Gump's, Halls of Kansas City, and Hillyer House in Pass Christian.

**William Campbell** is living proof of the adage that life begins at 40. At that age, he had just graduated from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in 1974 with a fine arts degree and a burning ambition to become a potter.

He grew up in Michigan and first went to college to get a degree in engineering. "I took a pottery class at the Dewaters Art Center," said Campbell. "That class changed my life. I fell in love with clay ... Once I discovered that making pottery was what I wanted to do with my life," he said. "I became committed ... spent every moment trying to learn my craft. What I am trying to achieve with my work is to cause a little celebration by creating special object that fit into the routine of daily life."

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Celtic Christmas customs, Chanukah observances and various ethnic holiday offerings will also be presented, all representing the cultural diversity that adds spice to the gumbo of New Orleans' ancestral heritage.

Every day, from Dec. 1-23 and 26-29, chefs from Broussard's, Gabrielle Restaurant, Dickie Brennan's Steakhouse, Louis XVI Restaurant Francais and other New Orleans dining establishments will offer free cooking demonstrations at 3 p.m. in Le Petit Theatre du Vieux Carre.

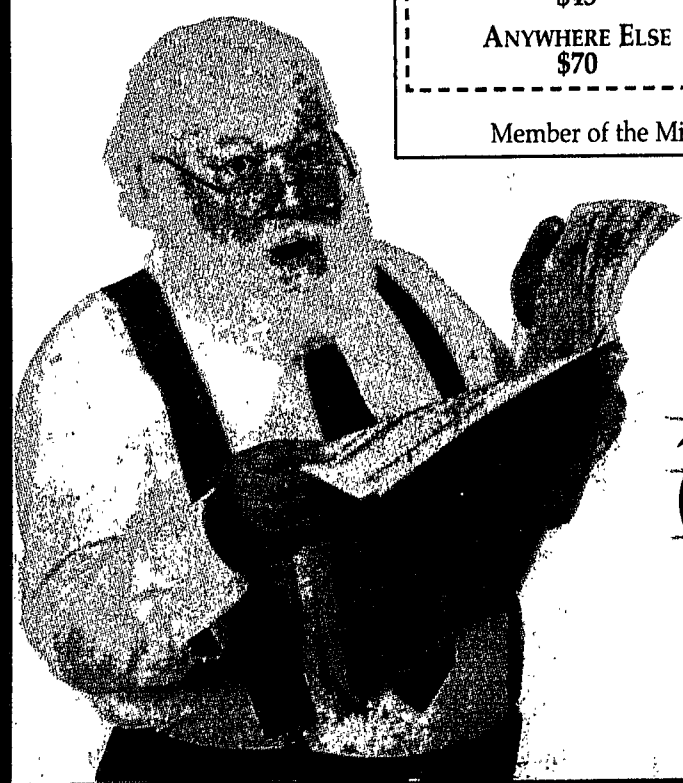
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